

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.



SOUTHBRIDGE :
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1887.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1886-7.

TOWN CLERK.

EDGAR D. MORSE.

TREASURER.

FRANCIS L. CHAPIN.

SELECTMEN.

WILLIAM D. MORSE, ALBERT H. WHEELER, JOHN RYAN.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CALVIN A. PAIGE. ELISHA M. PHILLIPS, WM. C. CALLAHAN.

ASSESSORS.

VICTOR W. LAMOUREUX, JAMES LYON, CHARLES W. WELD.

AUDITORS.

FRED. W. EATON, CHAS. W. JOHNSON, AUGUSTUS COOK.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JAMES. J. OAKES,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
ELISHA M. PHILLIPS,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
SILVANUS HAYWARD,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1888
CHARLES HAGGERTY,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1888
CHARLES HYDE,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1889
ANDREW J. BARTHOLOMEW,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1889

TOWN OFFICERS.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

GEORGE W. WELLS,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
JOHN M. COCHRAN,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
GEORGE M. LOVELL,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
GEORGE M. WHITAKER,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1888
JOHN M. KREMMEN,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1888
CLEMENT BEGIN,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1888
JOSEPH JAGGER,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1889
WILLIAM H. WILSON,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1889
CARY C. BRADFORD,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1889

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
CHRISTOPHER ABBOTT,	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
EDWIN BACON,	-	-	-	Term expires 1888
T. JEROME HARRINGTON,	-	-	-	Term expires 1888
JOHN O. McKINSTRY,	-	-	-	Term expires 1889
GEORGE W. WELLS,	-	-	-	Term expires 1889

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

AUSTIN H. SHEPARD.

CONSTABLES.

BRADFORD C. STONE,	ALEX. SENECAI,	A. H. SHEPARD,
GEORGE H. THAYER,	PLINY M. CLARKE,	LUKE RILEY,
	T. W. D. BROWN;	

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
AUDITORS.

ACCOUNT OF TOWN TREASURER.

F. L. CHAPIN, Treasurer, in account with the Town of South-
bridge, for the year ending February 28, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$1,189 38
Due from L. Morton, Collector,	-	-	2,924 21
Due from S. S. Perry, Collector,	-	-	2,452 23
Due from S. Thayer, Collector,	-	-	363 65

Tax bill of 1886 :

State tax,	-	-	\$2,715 00
County tax,	-	-	2,483 00
Bank tax and overlayings,	-	-	1,867 44
Center Watch District tax and overlayings,	1,210	01	
Overlayings on taxes,	-	-	422 56
Common schools,	-	-	9,500 00
Outside poor,	-	-	3,500 00
Discount on taxes,	-	-	3,400 00
Highways,	-	-	2,500 00
Salaries,	-	-	2,500 00
Engine men,	-	-	2,000 00
Street lights,	-	-	2,000 00
Support of poor,	-	-	1,700 00
High school,	-	-	1,700 00
Public library,	-	-	1,500 00

Amounts carried forward,	\$38,998 01	\$6,929 47
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Amounts brought forward,		\$33,998 10	\$6,929 47
Contingent account schools, -	-	1,200 00	
Sayles street walk, -	-	1,000 00	
Contingent expenses, -	-	1,000 00	
North street walk, -	-	800 00	
Fire department, -	-	800 00	
Dresser street walk, -	-	700 00	
Repairs farm buildings, -	-	600 00	
Water supply, -	-	640 00	
Sidewalks, -	-	500 00	
River and Crane streets walk, -	-	500 00	
Cemetery improvements, -	-	450 00	
Printing, -	-	450 00	
Interest, -	-	300 00	
Marcy street walk east, -	-	250 00	
Cliff street wall, -	-	250 00	
Lamp. posts, -	-	223 00	
Railing highways, -	-	200 00	
Police station contingent, -	-	200 00	
Insurance, -	-	200 00	
			<hr/> \$49,261 01
State treasurer, corporation tax,		\$3,622 26	
Bank tax, -	-	540 67	
Discount on bank tax, -	-	186 75	
Collecting and assessing bank tax,		16 85	
Pauper account, -	-	49 92	
State aid, -	-	171 00	
Income Massachusetts school fund,		91 18	
County treasurer, dog fund, -	-	459 93	
Supplementary tax assessment, -	-	62 60	
Williamsburg, account H. L. Wetherell,		94 00	
Lawrence, account Colquhon, -	-	55 00	
Northampton, account M. A. Congdon,		55 00	
Medway, account E. A. Phillips, -	-	53 34	
West Brookfield, account C. H. Allen,		45 26	
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Amounts carried forward,		\$5,503 76	\$56,190 48

Amounts brought forward, \$5,503 76		\$56,190 48
Grafton, account Mary L. Martin, -	31	36
Hadley, account Catherine Poirer, -	26	00
Rutland, account E. M. Rice, -	25	50
Spencer, account Jos. Dragon, -	25	50
Sutton, account Lewis Mountain, -	13	56
Ware, account A. E. Cooper, -	11	25
Medway, account Davis, -	5	60
Palmer, account Mrs. Henry Place, -	5	25
Produce sold, - - -	165	30
C. A. Paige, guardian M. O'Brien, -	130	00
Burial pauper, - - -	10	00
Cart sold, - - -	10	00
Liquor licenses, - - -	1,715	00
Sidewalk assessments, - - -	1,311	28
Cemetery fund, - - -	485	00
Center Watch district, - - -	400	00
Morrissey vs. Town, - - -	107	00
Naptha barrels sold, - - -	88	63
Public library, cards, fines, etc., -	83	75
Licenses, - - -	72	00
Interest Ware savings bank, -	74	44
Worcester County savings bank,	48	64
Southbridge savings bank,	46	56
School books sold, - - -	47	83
Lockup fees, - - -	44	00
Labor on South street, - - -	32	26
Stone curbing sold, - - -	22	00
Loam sold, - - -	13	25
Logs sold, - - -	10	00
Stone sold, - - -	8	50
Plank sold, - - -	8	25
Overpaid order, common schools, -	4	80
Overpaid order, support of poor, -	4	00
Naptha sold, - - -	1	68

Amounts carried forward, \$10,591 95 \$56,190 48

Amounts brought forward, \$10,591 95		\$56,190 48
Damages, school property,	-	1 45
Voting lists sold,	-	50
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	17,000 00	
Money borrowed, Southbridge savings bank,		
Feb. 28, 1887,	-	3,689 00
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		31,282 90
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		\$87,473 38

EXPENDITURES.

Paid common schools,	-	\$9,279 67
Highways,	-	4,454 01
Discount on taxes,	-	4,437 89
Outside poor,	-	3,267 57
State tax,	-	2,715 00
County tax,	-	2,483 00
Support of poor,	-	2,208 94
Street lights,	-	2,129 21
Salaries,	-	2,037 66
Contingent account schools,	-	2,031 54
Public library,	-	1,914 73
Engine men,	-	1,910 00
Bank tax,	-	1,867 44
Sayles street walk,	-	1,839 20
High school,	-	1,720 81
Dresser street walk,	-	1,577 22
Contingent expenses,	-	1,448 40
Center Watch district,	-	1,386 58
Dresser street hill,	-	1,057 14
Columbian road,	-	1,013 57
Fire department,	-	904 62
North street walk,	-	837 73
Sidewalks,	-	664 90
Water supply,	-	640 00
Bridges,	-	626 03

Amount carried forward, \$54,452 86

Amount brought forward, \$54,452 86		
West Dudley bridge, - -	599 28	
Cemetery improvements, - -	549 82	
Marble brook, - - -	493 50	
State treasurer, license fees, - -	428 75	
Lamp posts and lanterns, - -	368 00	
Abatement of taxes, - - -	363 46	
Printing, - - -	356 90	
Police contingent, - - -	276 87	
Marcy street walk, east, - -	258 72	
Cliff street wall, - - -	265 17	
River street walk, - - -	257 46	
Alms-house repairs, - - -	370 06	
Interest, - - -	257 27	
Railing highways, - - -	247 01	
State aid, - - -	162 00	
Insurance, - - -	143 20	
School apparatus, - - -	129 93	
Decoration, - - -	100 00	
Enforcement of license law, - -	94 40	
Army and navy record, - - -	75 00	
Hook street drain, - - -	101 25	
Marcy street walk, west, - -	62 41	
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes, 17,000 00		
Note to Southbridge savings bank, -	2,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$79,913 32
Cash in treasury March 1, 1887, - -	-	2,977 52
Due from S. S. Perry, Collector, - -	-	2,134 77
Due from L. Morton, Collector, - -	-	1,289 21
Due from J. F. B. Litchfield, Collector, -	-	794 91
Due from S. Thayer, Collector, - -	-	363 65
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		<u>\$87,473 38</u>

SELEGTMEN.

ARMY AND NAVY RECORD.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 6, 1885,	-	-	-	\$75 00
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EXPENDITURES.

G. W. Corey, labor preparing record,	-	-	-	\$75 00
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BRIDGES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$330 84	
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	-	100 00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	-	-	200 00	
Old plank sold,	-	-	8 25	
				\$639 09

EXPENDITURES.

James and Abbott, lumber,	-	-	\$251 82
A. H. Shepard, labor, self and teams,	-	-	101 00
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	-	-	70 40
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight,	-	-	54 81
O. J. Aldrich, labor,	-	-	40 34
A. L. Hyde, lumber,	-	-	36 02

Amount carried forward, \$554 39

Amount brought forward, \$554 39		
Boyer & Champagne, labor,	-	31 14
A. H. Wheeler, labor, men,	-	18 56
W. H. Clarke, nails, etc.,	-	8 12
D. Chamberlain, labor, etc.,	-	6 25
Estate L. Cutler, labor,	-	4 10
W. C. Lewis, nails,	-	2 22
W. D. Morse, repairs,	-	1 25
		<u>\$626 03</u>
Balance to the credit of this account March 1, 1887,		\$13 06

CHAPIN STREET SIDEWALK.

RECEIPTS.

G. S. Truesdell, assessment,	-	\$48 64
E. T. Morse, assessment,	-	48 64
C. D. Monroe, assessment,	-	48 64
J. W. Robinson, assessment,	-	46 80
C. W. Johnson, assessment,	-	45 80
		<u>\$238 52</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1886,	-	\$192 53
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1887,		<u>\$45 99</u>

CENTRAL STREET SIDEWALK.

RECEIPTS.

Thomas Potter, assessment,	-	\$70 91
Lorenzo Morton,	-	59 37
Jackson place assessment,	-	66 61
One-half Holmes place assessment,		33 31
Estate S. C. Hartwell, assessment,	-	18 99
		<u>\$249 19</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1886,	-	\$729 84
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887,	-	\$480 65
Assessment N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., unpaid,		72 98

COLUMBIAN ROAD.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, Nov. 2, 1886,	-	-	\$1,000 00
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EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor, self, men and teams,	\$917 77
Geo. S. Stone, repairing tools, -	56 80
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse,	33 65
J. Ouimette, sharpening drills, -	5 35
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	\$1,013 57
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887, -	\$13 57

CLIFF STREET WALL.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, April 12, 1886,	-	\$250 00
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EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor, self and teams, -	\$265 17
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887, -	\$15 17

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$286 92
Appropriation, April 12, 1886,	-		1,000 00
From suit, Morrissey vs. Town,	-		107 00
			<hr/> \$1,393 92

EXPENDITURES.

Bridget Martin, damages,	-	-	\$475 00
J. M. Cochran, legal services,	-		146 93
W. C. Callahan, returning deaths,	\$26 75		
Conducting funerals,	-	109 00	
		<hr/>	135 75
W. D. Morse, reward for conviction of thief,	-	-	100 00
Postage, etc.,	-	2 60	
		<hr/>	104 60
Samuel Williams, conducting funerals,			62 00
P. M. Clarke, police duty,	-	27 60	
Serving warrants, etc.,		27 58	
Setting glass,	-	-	50
		<hr/>	55 68
Luke Reilley, police duty,			53 25
Michael Egan, police duty,	-	-	45 00
A. C. Moore, plans and surveys,	-		29 50
Joseph Stewart, care town clock,	-		31 00
A. H. Barrett, care town hall two years,			30 00
Chas. Haggerty, retainer town counsel,			25 00
L. W. Curtis, returning births,		6 50	
Medical examination,		3 00	
		<hr/>	9 50
Franklin Jacobs, services probation officer, etc.,	-	-	15 52
L. D. Vinton, teams for selectmen,	-		21 50
A. H. Shepard, sprinkling streets,	-		15 00
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Amount carried forward, \$1,255 23			

Amount brought forward, \$1,255 23		
J. F. Parker & Son, teams for select-		
men, - -	\$15 00	
Teams for Luke Reilley, - -	3 00	
	<hr/>	18 00
L. Morton, serving warrants, etc., -		11 00
J. F. B. Litchfield, collecting 1883 and		
1884 taxes, - - -		10 98
J. Booth & Co., curtains selectmen's		
office, - -	9 80	
Setting glass, - -	1 25	
	<hr/>	11 05
A. S. Ellis, rent of land to supply		
water tub, - -		10 00
Woodbury Bros., stone bounds, -		10 00
Putnam, Davis & Co., order books, -		7 75
D. Chamberlain, street signs, -	5 00	
Painting street signs, -	2 50	
Repairing fence, -	5 25	
	<hr/>	12 75
Geo. L. Winter, cleaning fountain, -		6 75
Estate L. Cutler, labor town hall, -	1 27	
Making level, -	2 30	
	<hr/>	3 57
W. H. Clarke, cups and chains, -	67	
Locks, etc., town hall, -	4 71	
	<hr/>	5 38
J. A. Letourneau, returning births, -		15 25
L. O. Morasse, returning births, -		9 75
P. L. Creedon, returning births, -		5 50
E. D. Morse, returning births, -		5 00
F. Gauthier, returning births, -		4 25
H. D. West, returning births, -		4 00
Lamson Allen, returning births, -		3 00
G. G. Bulfinch, returning births, -		2 50
E. A. Genereux, returning births, -		1 75
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Amount carried forward, \$1,413 46		

Amount brought forward, \$1,413 46		
C. C. Bradford, returning births,	-	1 00
F. H. Olin, returning births,	-	25
Edwin Bacon, returning deaths,	-	12 50
Geo. M. Whitaker, dog notices,	-	3 00
A. H. Barrett, labor, town hall, yard, etc.,		3 00
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas at town hall,		7 25
O. J. Aldrich, repairs in town hall,	-	1 44
J. J. Delehanty, conducting funeral,	-	1 25
C. T. Carpenter, repairing chairs,	-	1 25
Amasa Haskell, conducting funeral,	-	1 00
J. M. Geer, setting glass,	-	1 00
Joseph Williams, tin cups,	-	1 00
Jerry Mominee, cleaning streets,	-	1 00
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		\$1,448 40
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887,	-	-
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		\$54 48
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DRESSER STREET HILL.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation Nov. 2, 1886,	-	\$1,000 00	
Stone sold,	-	8 50	
		<hr/>	\$1,008 50

EXPENDITURES.

W. D. Morse, labor, men and teams,		\$890 37	
Geo. S. Stone, drill steel,	-	\$26 60	
Repairing tools,	-	55 82	
		<hr/>	82 42
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse,		35 20	
W. H. Clarke, tools, etc.,	-	23 42	
Geo. L. Winter, tools, etc.,	-	17 83	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	-	7 90	
		<hr/>	\$1,057 14
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887,	-	-	
		<hr/>	\$48 64
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DRESSER STREET SIDEWALK.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	\$700 00	
H. C. Wells, assessments,	-	\$153 95	
		25 93	
		<hr/>	179 88
Geo. W. Wells, assessment,	-		104 03
Mrs. John Smith, assessment,	-		60 46
H. D. Edwards, assessment,	-		49 11
W. J. Keith, assessment,	-		34 23
Joseph Fallows, assessment,	-		15 10
Loam sold,	-		3 75
		<hr/>	\$1,146 56

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor, self, men and teams,	\$600 25	
Woodbury Bros., curbing,	447 96	
Calvin Claffin, concreting,	441 15	
American Optical Co., paving stones,	48 75	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	19 64	
S. Dresser, gravel,	15 00	
Geo. S. Stone, repairing tools,	4 47	
	<hr/>	\$1,577 22
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887,		\$430 66

Assessments unpaid :

E. M. Phillips,	-	-	\$60 46
G. W. Wells,	-	-	34 23
S. A. Cummings,	-	-	30 49
E. B. Cummings,	-	-	72 67
A. W. Olds,	-	-	42 85
Augustus Cook,	-	-	36 00
H. C. Wales,	-	-	21 65
		<hr/>	\$298 35

DECORATION DAY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1887,	-	-	\$21 43	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,			<u>78 57</u>	\$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Malcolm Ammidown, Post 168, G. A. R., expenses Memorial day,	-			<u>\$100 00</u>
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ENGINE MEN.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$112 00	
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-		<u>2,000 00</u>	\$2,112 00

EXPENDITURES.

Steamer Co. No. 1,	-	-	\$590 00	
Steamer Co. No. 2,	-	-	590 00	
Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1,	-	-	265 00	
Hook & Ladder Co. No. 2,	-	-	265 00	
Engineers,	-	-	<u>200 00</u>	\$1,910 00
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,				<u>\$202 00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$246 51	
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-		<u>800 00</u>	\$1,046 51

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. Allen & Sons, repairing		
Steamer 2, - -	\$339	76
Wm. Allen & Sons, castings, etc.,	15	33
	<u> </u>	\$355 09
Calvin Claffin, repairing engine house and		
steamer, - - -	110	85
E. S. Ellis, for coal, - -	84	66
J. F. Parker & Son, use of horses, -	59	00
A. H. Shepard, use of horses, -	46	00
J. T. McKinstry, painting Steamer No. 2,	43	25
J. M. Gray & Co., rubber coats, -	31	50
Hamilton Woolen Co., use of horses,	26	00
P. M. Clarke, painting engine house, etc.,	25	75
G. W. Simmons & Co., army coats, -	20	85
J. W. Robinson, rubber coats, -	16	20
Bugbee & Wheeler, rubber boots, -	16	25
Geo. S. Stone, new pole and		
repairs, - -	13	85
Geo. S. Stone, setting axle, bolts,		
etc., - -	8	40
	<u> </u>	22 25
Water Supply Co., water at engine house,	9	00
J. S. Gleason, supplies, - -	7	94
L. M. Brouso & Co., straps, etc., -	6	00
W. C. Lewis, supplies, - -	4	10
W. E. Horton, two days' board, steamer		
examiner, - -	3	00
Michael Egan, painting, - -	3	75
C. Stewart & Son, labor on boiler, -	5	06
G. L. Winter, sink, - - -	2	00
W. H. Clark, supplies, - -	1	97
Geo. M. Whitaker, letter heads, -	1	75
W. E. Alden & Co., supplies, -	1	40
Morse Bros., supplies, - -	1	00
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\$904 62

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,

\$141 89

HOOK STREET DRAIN.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 6, 1886,	-	-	\$200 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Woodbury Bros., curbing,	-	-	\$101 25
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Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,	-		<u>\$98 75</u>
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HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation March 12, 1886,	-	\$2,500 00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,		1,500 00	
Appropriation Nov. 2, 1886,	-	264 00	
Transferred from liquor licenses Nov. 2,		736 00	
Labor, and loam sold,	-	41 76	
		<u> </u>	\$5,041 76

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1886,	-	\$683 73
A. H. Shepard, labor, self, men and teams,		4,004 21
S. Dresser, gravel,	-	150 00
G. S. Stone, repairing tools,	-	43 05
Thomas Welch, labor,	-	42 84
A. O. Albee, labor, self and team,		21 70
Woodbury Bros., flag stones,	-	22 80
Jos. Williams, tools,	-	20 93
Martin Welch, labor,	-	20 13
C. M. Morse, labor and shovelling snow,		14 00
W. H. Clarke, tools, etc.,	-	13 98
Patrick Whalen, labor,	-	15 31
A. H. Wheeler, labor of men,	-	12 13

Amount carried forward, \$5,064 81

Amount brought forward,	\$5,064	81	
Congregational Society, curbing, -		9	25
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse,		8	38
Amasa Haskell, labor, self, men and teams,	20	00	
W. D. Morse, labor, men and teams, \$6	25		
Labor, cleaning crossings, -	88		
		7	13
L. A. Lyon, labor, men and team, -		5	00
Silas Phillips, shovelling snow, -		3	50
Peter Fortier, repairing tools, -		2	55
W. T. George, repairing tools, -		2	53
G. L. Clemence, shovelling snow, -		2	44
A. M. Cheney, drag plank, -		6	00
Morse Bros, pails, etc., -		2	15
A. H. Barrett, labor, -		1	50
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, water spout, -		1	00
L. W. Curtis, gravel and labor, -		1	00
F. D. Vinton, repairing culvert, -		5	0
			<u>\$5,137 74</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887, -			<u>\$95 93</u>

INSURANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886, -	-	-	\$200 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1886, -	\$76	84	
E. M. Phillips & Son, -	\$52	40	
	36	00	
	54	80	
		143	20
			<u>\$220 04</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887.			<u>\$20 04</u>

INTEREST.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$25 61	
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-		300 00	
			<u> </u>	\$325 61

EXPENDITURES.

Interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	-	-	-	\$257 27
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,				<u>\$68 34</u>

LIQUOR LICENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Thomas Thimblin,	-	-	-	\$135 00	
G. W. Faulkner,	-	-	-	135 00	
J. J. Bowlen,	-	-	-	135 00	
Jos. Bebo,	-	-	-	135 00	
Paul Potvin,	-	-	-	135 00	
J. W. Silk,	-	-	-	135 00	
J. T. Hoben,	-	-	-	135 00	
Jos. Longsway,	-	-	-	135 00	
Bernard Silk,	-	-	-	100 00	
Alex. Senecal,	-	-	-	100 00	
Paul Dennis,	-	-	-	100 00	
B. W. Paton,	-	-	-	67 00	
J. A. Letourneau,	-	-	-	67 00	
G. H. Hartwell,	-	-	-	67 00	
J. W. Robinson, agent,	-	-	-	67 00	
H. C. Pellett,	-	-	-	67 00	
				<u> </u>	\$1,715 00

EXPENDITURES.

25 percent paid to state,	-	-	\$428 75	
Transferred to highway account Nov. 2,			736 00	
			<u> </u>	\$1,164 75
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887, and subject to order of Selectmen for enforcement of license law per vote April 12, 1886,	-	-	-	\$550 25
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LICENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$130 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Franklin Jacobs, services,	-	-	\$94 40
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,			\$35 60
			<u> </u>

LAMP POSTS AND LANTERNS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$43 00	
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-		223 00	
Appropriation Nov. 2, 1886,	-	-	150 00	
			<u> </u>	\$416 00

EXPENDITURES.

Globe Gas Light Co., lamp posts, -	\$349 00	
M. O'Connell, carting and setting posts,	12 00	
W. D. Morse, expenses to Boston, -	4 00	
A. H. Barrett, setting posts, - . -	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$368 00
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1887,		<hr/> <hr/> \$48 00

MARBLE BROOK CHANNEL.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 6, 1885, -	\$100 00	
Unappropriated funds April 12, 1886, .	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor, men and teams, -	\$483 70	
Thos. Welch, labor, - -	9 80	
	<hr/>	\$493 50
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887, -	-	<hr/> <hr/> \$93 50

MARCY STREET WALK (East.)

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886, -	-	\$250 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Balance overdrawn March 1, 1886, -	\$111 47	
Calvin Claflin, concreting, -	147 75	
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Amount carried forward, \$259 22		

Amount brought forward, \$259 22			
S. K. Edwards, agent, labor, men			
and teams, - -	\$101	73	
S. K. Edwards, agent, lumber,	9	24	
		<u> </u>	110 97
			<u> </u>
			\$370 19
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887, -		-	\$120 19
Assessment unpaid,			
Estate of Wm. Edwards, - -			\$267 37
			<u> </u>
			<u> </u>

MARCY STREET WALK (West.)

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886, -		-	\$144 88	
Assessment, M. Farrel, -		-	96 80	
			<u> </u>	\$241 68
Balance transferred to unappropri-				
ated funds, vote April 12, 1886, -		-	\$241 68	
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NORTH STREET WALK.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886, -		-	\$800 00
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EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor, self, men and teams,	\$412	57	
Woodbury Bros., curbing, -		354 50	
American Optical Co., paving stones,		48 76	
S. Dresser, gravel, -		20 00	
G. S. Stone, repairing tools, -		1 90	
		<u> </u>	\$837 73
Account overdrawn Nov. 1, 1887.			<u> </u>
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			\$37 73

PRINTING.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	-	\$450 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1886,		\$30 61	
Geo. M. Whitaker, town reports,	\$214 20		
Printing,	-	45 75	
		<u>259 95</u>	
W. T. Robinson, printing,	-	58 90	
Herald Pub. Co., printing,	-	19 05	
Southbridge Journal Printing Co., printing,		19 00	
		<u>\$387 51</u>	
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,			<u>\$62 49</u>

POLICE STATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$93 63
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-		200 00
Lockup fees,	-	-	44 00
			<u>\$337 63</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Thomas Potter, care of lockup to Apr. 15,			
1887,	-	-	\$100 00
P. M. Clarke, Painting station and			
office,	-	-	\$50 75
Paint, labor, etc.,	-	26 43	
Setting glass,	-	1 00	
		<u>78 18</u>	
Liberty Reynolds, care of lockup to Apr.			
15, 1886,	-	-	25 00
			<u>\$203 18</u>
Amount carried forward,			

Amount brought forward, \$		203 18	
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas,	-	-	22 65
Southbridge Coal Co., coal,	-	-	21 85
Southbridge Water Supply Co.,	-	-	9 00
W. P. Plimpton, wood,	-	-	6 13
Jos. Williams, iron dishes,	-	-	5 00
W. H. Clarke, lead pipe and labor,	\$2	16	
1 lock,	-	-	1 50
			<hr/> 3 66
Morse Bros., supplies,	-	-	1 65
M. Farrel, labor,	-	-	1 60
G. L. Winter, grate, etc.,	-	-	1 15
N. E. Putney, repairing lock,	-	-	1 00
			<hr/> \$276 87
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,			<hr/> \$60 76

RAILING HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$19 10
Appropriation Nov. 12, 1886,	-	-	200 00
			<hr/> \$219 10

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor,	-	-	\$56 44
O. J. Aldrich, labor and material,	-	-	50 59
Ouimette & Son, labor, etc.,	-	-	48 51
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	-	-	38 67
W. T. George, labor repairing tools,	-	-	26 00
M. Egan, painting,	-	-	16 00
G. S. Stone, iron posts, etc.,	-	-	10 80
			<hr/> \$247 01
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887,	-	-	<hr/> \$27 91

RIVER STREET WALK.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	-	\$500 00
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EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor, self, men and teams,	\$239	86	
S. Dresser, gravel,	-	-	17 60
			<u>257 46</u>
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,	-		<u>\$242 54</u>

STREET LIGHTS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	\$2,000 00	
Barrels and naptha sold,	-	-	90 31
			<u>\$2,090 31</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1886.	-	\$270 26	
Globe Gas Light Co., naptha,	\$590	11	
Globe Gas Light Co., 2 ladders,		5 00	
Globe Gas Light Co., repairing			
torch,	-	-	80
			<u>595 91</u>
Mutual Gas Light Co., gas,	-	-	576 00
M. O'Connell, care of lights and storage,			448 24
A. H. Barrett, care of lights,	-		357 05
W. D. Morse, freight on naptha,	46	33	
W. D. Morse, express, labor, etc.,	3	30	
			<u>49 63</u>
A. Farland, painting posts,	-	-	33 92
			<u>Amount carried forward, \$2,331 01</u>

Amount brought forward, \$2,331 01		
P. M. Clarke, repairing lanterns, -	13 70	
A. Farland, repairing lanterns, -	13 20	
American Optical Co., alcohol, -	10 50	
J. T. McKinstry, lamps, - -	7 40	
Morse Bros., supplies, - -	4 05	
M. Egan, painting posts, - -	4 00	
W. C. Lewis, labor and supplies, -	3 81	
G. S. Stone, repairing posts, - -	2 75	
Jos. Williams, repairing lanterns, -	2 05	
J. J. Oakes, 2 lantern frames, - -	2 00	
J. Booth & Co., repairing lanterns, -	5 00	
		<u>\$2,399 47</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887,		<u>\$309 16</u>

SIDEWALKS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886, - -	\$155 74	
Appropriation April 12, 1886, -	500 00	
Appropriation Nov. 2, 1886, - -	100 00	
Curbing sold, - - -	7 00	
		<u>\$762 74</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Calvin Claflin, repairing concrete walks,	\$459 64	
A. H. Shepard, labor, men and teams,	107 03	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, -	47 44	
Thos. Welch, labor, - -	31 16	
J. F. Parker & Son, men and teams, -	14 00	
W. C. Lewis, nails, - -	3 63	
W. McGuirk, labor, - - -	2 00	
		<u>\$664 90</u>
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,		<u>\$97 84</u>

SAYLES STREET WALK.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	\$1,000 00	
Assessments paid :			
W. H. Searles, -	-	\$103 86	
Hamilton Woolen Co.,		103 75	
D. Chamberlain, -		76 35	
		<u>283 96</u>	
			\$1,283 96

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor, men and teams, -	\$892 44	
Woodbury Bros., curbing, -	447 25	
Calvin Claffin, concreting, -	404 40	
American Optical Co., paving stones,	48 76	
S. Dresser, gravel, -	20 00	
F. G. Blanchard, labor, pipe, etc., -	10 30	
G. S. Stone, repairing tools, -	11 65	
O. J. Aldrich, labor and materials, -	4 40	
	<u>\$1,839 20</u>	
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887, -	-	\$555 24
Assessments unpaid :		
Estate Thos. R. Oldham, -	\$117 97	
Hiram Webster, -	104 07	
Mrs. Ellen Newhall, -	103 42	
F. G. Blanchard, -	87 72	
A. H. Shepard, -	69 07	
S. Chamberlain, -	30 80	
A. M. Belknap, -	22 20	
Estate Mrs. Sarah James, -	22 00	
	<u>\$557 25</u>	

STATE AID.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit March 1, 1886,	-	\$339 31	
Received from State Treasurer,	-	171 00	
		<u> </u>	\$510 31

EXPENDITURES.

Fred L. Holmes,	-	-	-	\$60 00	
Julia Seymour,	-	.	-	48 00.	
Louis Mountain,	-	-	-	35 00	
Anthony Deon,	-	-	-	11 00	
Thos. Welch,	-	-	-	8 00	
				<u> </u>	\$162 00
Balance to credit account March 1, 1887,					<u>\$348 31</u>

SALARIES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1887,	-	-	\$203 30	
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-		2,500 00	
			<u> </u>	\$2,703 30

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Wheeler, services as Selectman to				
April, 1886,	-	-	-	\$210 00
John Ryan, services as Selectman to				
April, 1886,	-	-	-	75 00
W. D. Morse, services as Selectman to				
April, 1886,	-	-	-	224 38
Selectmen, services to April, 1887,				300 00
Overseers of Poor, services to April, 1887,				300 00
F. L. Chapin, services as Treasurer to				
April, 1887,	-	-	-	150 00

Amount carried forward, \$1,259 38

Amount brought forward, \$1,259 38		
E. D. Morse, returning births, deaths,		
marriages, - - -	147 40	
J. F. B. Litchfield, collecting taxes to		
April, 1886, - - -	100 88	
V. W. Lamoureux, services as Assessor,	205 00	
C. W. Weld, services as Assessor, -	85 00	
James Lyon, services as Assessor,	80 00	
Auditors, services Jan. 1, to April 1, 1886,	45 00	
C. W. Johnson, services as Auditor to		
Jan. 1, 1887, - - -	18 50	
Aug. Cook, services as Auditor to Jan. 1,		
1887, - - -	16 50	
F. W. Eaton, services as Auditor to Mar.		
1, 1887, - - -	17 00	
H. A. Morse, services as Registrar,	19 80	
S. K. Edwards, services as Registrar,	19 80	
S. T. Cutting, services as Registrar, -	13 80	
J. M. Cheney, services as Registrar,	6 00	
E. D. Morse, services as Registrar, -	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$2,037 66
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,		<u>\$665 64</u>

WEST DUDLEY BRIDGE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation Nov. 2, 1886, - - -	\$700 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Town of Dudley, 1-3 expense building	
bridge, - - -	\$599 28
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,	<u>\$100 72</u>

WATER SUPPLY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	-	\$640 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Southbridge Water Supply Co., 18 hy-			
drants, at \$30 00,	-	-	\$540 00
Two fountains,	-	-	100 00
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			\$640 00
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CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	\$450 00	
Logs sold,	- - -	10 00	
Curbing sold,	- - -	15 00	
Interest,	- - -	169 64	
		<hr/>	\$644 64

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1886,		\$111 18	
Edwin Bacon, labor, self and men,		\$510 54	
T. J. Harrington, plants,	- -	39 28	
		<hr/>	661 00
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887,	- -	-	<hr/> <hr/> \$16 36

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

OUTSIDE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$272 03
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-		3,500 00
Williamsburg, for aid to H. L. Witherell,			94 00
Medway, for aid to Mrs. C. A. Phil-			
lips, -	-	\$53 34	
Medway, for aid to Davis,		5 60	
		<hr/>	58 94
Northampton, for aid to Mary Ann Cong-			
don, -	-	-	55 00
Lawrence, for aid to A. Cologne,	-		55 00
State, for aid to state paupers,	-	-	45 00
Hadley, for aid to Catherine Poirier,			26 00
Rutland, for aid to E. M. Rice,	-	-	25 50
Spencer, for aid to Jos. Dragon,	-		25 50
West Brookfield, for aid to C. H. Allen,			24 26
Sutton, for aid to Lewis Mountain,	-		13 56
Ware, for aid to A. E. Cooper,	-		11 25
Palmer, for aid to Mrs. H. Place,	-		5 25
C. A. Paige, for burial of paupers,	-		10 00
W. E. Alden & Co., overcharged order,			4 00
		<hr/>	\$4,225 29

EXPENDITURES.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital:

Support of Regina Fogel, -	\$189 36	
Support of Catherine Tynan, -	188 20	
Support of Bridget Cain, -	174 85	
Support of Thomas Boyle, -	160 28	
Support of K. L. Smith, -	105 53	
	<hr/>	\$818 22

Wor. Asylum for Chronic Insane, sup-		
port of Lydia Fiske, -	-	183 11

Owen Morris :

Goods from J. & T. Ryan, -	156 00	
C. C. Bradford, transportation, -	8 72	
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Mrs. M. Montville, goods from Blanchard Bros., -	-	159 00
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Mrs. P. O'Brien, goods from W. E. Alden & Co., -	-	155 00
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M. A. Congdon :

Goods, -	-	39 28
Coal, -	-	1 00
Wood, -	-	2 00
Paid Julia Carney for care, -	6 00	
Goods from J. & T. Ryan, -	31 00	
Goods from W. P. Guy, -	8 00	
Goods from Morse Bros., -	28 00	
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James Brown, goods from J. & T. Ryan, -	108 25	
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John Foley, goods from W. E. Alden & Co.,	108 00	
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M. McGrath :

Goods from J. & T. Ryan, -	106 00	
Coal, from S. K. Edwards, agt., -	5 75	
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A. Largess, goods from J. S. Gleason, -	107 00	
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Mrs. Wetherell, goods from P. H. Carpenter & Co., -	-	96 00
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Amount carried forward, \$2,126 33

Amount brought forward, \$2,126 33		
Victor Gregory, goods of P. N. LeClair,	96 00	
Martin Ward, goods from J. & T. Ryan,	70 00	
Michael Grant, goods from W. E. Alden & Co., - - - -	64 00	
S. Martel :		
Goods from P. N. LeClair,	\$35 00	
Burial by W. C. Callahan,	10 00	
Paid J. Hemingway, digging grave, - - -	3 00	
Coal, - - - -	2 00	
Wood, - - - -	1 00	
	<hr/>	51 00
Mrs. John Lucia, paid Delphine Burk, for care, - - -	48 06	
Mrs. J. Colquhon, goods from J. S. Gleason,	40 00	
Esther Clarke :		
Goods from W. P. Guy, -	8 00	
Goods from Morse Bros.,	6 25	
Goods from P. H. Carpenter & Co.,	5 00	
Wood from W. G. Carpenter,	4 75	
Wood from W. P. Plimpton,	4 00	
Goods from Paige & Co ,	3 75	
Paid E. M. Rice, cutting wood,	2 50	
Paid J. Hemingway, cutting wood,	2 25	
Paid Jerry O'Brien, cutting wood,	1 50	
	<hr/>	38 00
Mrs. Gargan, goods from J. & T. Ryan,	36 00	
Catherine Vaughn, aid from Fall River,	33 70	
Carrie Ritchie, aid from Shirley, -	32 00	
Mrs. C. A. Phillips :		
Aid from W. L. D. Hall, -	6 00	
Wood from W. P. Plimpton,	3 50	
Goods from Paige & Co., -	4 84	
Goods from W. P. Guy,	7 00	
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Amounts carried forward, \$21 34 2,635 09		

Amounts brought forward,	\$21 34	2,635 09
Coffin, etc., from S. Williams,	10 25	
	—	31 59
Catherine Porier :		
Goods from Gatineaux & Proulx,	6 00	
Goods from M. J. Suprenant,	2 00	
Goods from W. P. Guy,	5 00	
Burial by W. C. Callahan,	13 00	
	—	26 00
Joseph Dragon :		
Paid Frank St. Onge for care,	15 50	
Burial by W. C. Callahan,	10 00	
	—	25 50
Jos. LaCross, goods from J. S. Gleason,		24 00
Charles Gasso :		
Goods from W. P. Guy,	14 00	
Goods from Morse Bros.,	5 69	
Goods from Paige & Co.,	2 38	
	— —	22 07
J. Marchand :		
Wood from A. H. Shepard,	8 00	
Goods from W. P. Guy,	11 00	
	—	19 00
Mrs. J. McGrath, goods from W. E. Alden		
& Co.,		18 00
J. Hemingway :		
Goods from Morse Bros.,	8 75	
Wood from A. H. Shepard,	4 00	
Goods from W. P. Guy,	3 00	
	—	15 75
Louis Mountain :		
Goods from Morse Bros.,	11 56	
Goods from Paige & Co.,	2 50	
	—	14 06
Mrs. A. Herber, goods from J. S. Gleason,		14 00
Amount carried forward,	\$2,845	06

Amount brought forward, \$2,845 06

M. Martel :

Goods from W. P. Guy,	\$8 00	
Goods from M. M. Marble,	4 00	
	<u> </u>	12 00

J. Vickers, burial by town of Sturbridge, 11 30

Albert Perry :

Goods from J. S. Gleason, -	8 00	
Coal from S. K. Edwards, agt.,	1 75	
	<u> </u>	9 75

John Burke, aid from Sudbury, - 10 00

Michael Grant :

Goods from J. & T. Ryan,	5 00	
Wood from A. H. Shepard,	4 50	
	<u> </u>	9 50

Reno's child, burial by town of Webster, 8 50

A. Martin :

Goods from Paige & Co.,	5 35	
Goods from W. E. Alden & Co.,	3 00	
	<u> </u>	8 35

E. M. Rice :

Wood from J. E. Sayles,	5 00	
Goods from P. H. Carpenter & Co.,	3 00	
	<u> </u>	8 00

Moses Gasso, goods from P. H. Carpenter
& Co., - - -

8 00

P. E. B. Botham, goods from C. V. Corey, 8 00

John Lovely, goods from J. S. Gleason, 6 00

David Patno, goods from W. E. Alden & Co., 6 00

M. O'Brien :

Services by G. G. Bulfinch,	5 00	
Wood from W. P. Plimpton,	1 00	
	<u> </u>	6 00

Ann Belanger, care by Margaret Giroux, 6 00

Henry Place, goods from Morse Bros., 5 25

Kate Kehoe, goods from W. E. Alden & Co., 5 00

Amount carried forward, \$2,972 71

Amount brought forward, \$2,972 71	
Chas. Horton, goods from J. & T. Ryan,	4 00
Eliza O'Lean, transportation to hospital,	4 00
John Reno, care by Luke Reilly, -	3 58
Terrio's child, coffin from S. Williams,	3 50
Mrs. Grant, goods from Paige & Co., -	3 25
Mrs. M. D. Cutting, aid from Webster, -	2 53
Ludgal LeClair, goods from P. N. LeClair,	2 00
M. L. Martin, for transportation, -	2 00
Jas. Anglum, goods from J. & T. Ryan, -	3 00
Jennings child, burial by Webster, -	2 00
Mrs. A. E. Cooper, wood from W. P. Plimpton,	1 75
Albert Perry, goods from J. S. Gleason, -	1 25
W. C. Callahan, services and burial of paupers, - - -	119 25
C. C. Bradford, for medical services,	67 00
Thos Potter, feeding tramps, -	19 80
C. A. Paige, sundry expenses, - -	13 56
E. M. Phillips, sundry expenses, -	12 44
Edwin Bacon, services and burial of paupers,	10 50
Worcester, aid to paupers, - -	10 05
J. F. Parker & Son, teams for Overseers,	4 25
T. Martel, digging grave, - -	2 00
B. W. Paton, medicine, - -	1 60
G. C. Shepard & Co., medicine, -	1 05
G. H. Hartwell, medicine, -	50
	<hr/> \$3,267 57
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,	<hr/> \$957 72 <hr/>

SUPPORT OF POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$840 10
Appropriation April 6, 1886,	-		1,700 00
C. A. Paige, guardian Margaret O'Brien,			130 00
Produce sold,	-	-	99 06
Cows sold,	-	-	53 00
Town of Grafton, aid for M. L. Martin,			31 36
Town of West Brookfield, aid for C. H. Allen,			21 00
Cart sold,	-	-	10 00
State, aid for Mary Tobin,	-	-	4 92
M. Fortier, for clothing,	-	-	13 24
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			\$2,902 68

EXPENDITURES.

G. F. Nothrop, services, self and wife,	-	\$400 00
W. P. Guy, goods,	-	192 85
P. H. Carpenter,	-	143 50
M. L. Dresser, 2 cows,	-	135 00
M. Fortier, labor,	-	126 00
W. H. Clarke, goods,	-	107 60
E. C. Ellis, goods,	-	105 07
G. S. Stone, goods and labor,	-	85 09
Southbridge Coal Co., coal,	-	72 33
Morse Bros., goods,	-	71 21
H. H. French, grain,	-	52 83
Carpenter & Co., goods,	-	50 00
G. C. Phillips, 1 cow,	-	50 00
Johanna Ryan, 1 cow,	-	50 00
Paige & Co., goods,	-	49 56
F. E. Northrop, 1 cow,	-	40 00
H. M. Bradford, 1 cow,	-	40 00
M. M. Marble, goods,	-	38 07
C. C. Bradford, services,	-	33 00
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Amount carried forward, \$1,842 11

Amount brought forward, \$1,842			11
Lucy Harding, labor,	-	-	23 99
Andrew Clarke, labor,	-	-	23 08
Baldwin Vinton, labor,	-	-	26 62
E. B. Cummings, cow and calf,	-	-	30 00
Eunice Frisette, labor,	-	-	18 00
J. R. Amidon, goods,	-	-	26 05
C. A. Paige, manure,	-	-	15 00
S. K. Edwards, agent, coal,	-	-	22 40
O. B. E. Chipman, crackers,	-	-	12 34
N. J. Harrington, labor,	-	-	10 87
E. Fountain, labor,	-	-	10 43
Thos. Potter, goods,	-	-	10 11
Edward Brown, labor,	-	-	10 00
Samuel Williams, coffin,	-	-	10 25
Clovis Richardson, swine,	-	-	10 00
G. C. Shepard, goods,	-	-	9 70
P. M. Clarke, painting wagon,	-	-	9 00
G. L. Winter, goods,	-	-	8 48
Ichabod Badger, repairing shoes,	-	-	8 10
C. M. Clarke, 1 calf,	-	-	6 00
G. A. Dresser, labor,	-	-	7 50
Charles Clark, beef,	-	-	9 10
Edwin Bacon, burial of pauper,	-	-	5 50
C. T. Carpenter, labor, etc.,	-	-	5 20
Peter St. Martin, labor,	-	-	5 00
Blanchard Bros., goods,	-	-	5 78
J. F. Parker & Son, medicine for horse,	-	-	4 50
G. F. Northrop, expenses to Worcester,	-	-	3 25
L. N. Holden, goods,	-	-	2 53
G. H. Hartwell, goods,	-	-	4 45
E. C. Vinton, medicine for cow,	-	-	3 00
P. N. LeClair, goods,	-	-	2 80
Henry A. Morse, ice,	-	-	1 95
G. L. Clemence, eggs,	-	-	2 50

Amount carried forward, \$2,205 59

Amount brought forward, \$2,205 59	
Wm. McGuirk, labor, - - 1 50	
Eugene Comstock, goods, - 1 35	
Chauncy Brown, labor, - - 50	
	<u>\$2,208 94</u>
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,	<u>\$693 74</u>

REPAIRING TOWN FARM BUILDINGS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886, - - \$86 30	
Appropriation April 12, 1886, - 600 00	
	<u>\$686 30</u>

EXPENDITURES.

J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, - \$142 19	
P. M. Clarke, painting, - 76 88	
M. Farrel, labor, - - 61 59	
J. Booth & Co., painting, - 35 93	
W. H. Clarke, hardware, - 21 16	
E. S. Northrop, shingling, - 14 06	
A. L. Hyde, building outhouse, - 10 00	
Southbridge Coal Co., lime, - 4 50	
G. Dresser, brick, - - 2 75	
S. K. Edwards, agent, hair, - 1 00	
	<u>\$370 06</u>
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,	<u>\$316 24</u>

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$1,733 70
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	-	9,500 00
From Massachusetts school fund,	-	-	116 26
Overpaid order,	-	-	4 80
			<u>\$11,354 76</u>

EXPENDITURES.

J. T. Clarke, services as Superintendent,	-	-	\$729 14
Wm. Harper, services as Superintendent,	-	-	583 33
			<u>\$1,312 47</u>
Teaching :			
Mary E. Newell,	-		418 00
Jennie E. Chamberlain,			390 00
Alice Holmes, -	-		380 00
Mary E. Clemence,			380 00
Mary E. Remington,	-		372 90
Idella M. Brewster,			368 00
Susan M. Knight, -			324 00
			<u>2,632 90</u>
Amounts carried forward,			\$2,632 90 1,312 47

Amounts brought forward, \$2,632 90 1,312 47		
Etta A. Chamberlain, -	324 00	
A. Rebecca Rowley,	324 00	
Mary A. Pellett, -	324 00	
Mary L. Edwards, -	324 00	
Fannie J. Gushee, -	312 00	
Annie F. Morse, -	313 00	
Mary A. Ellis, -	288 00	
Addie M. Martin, -	288 00	
Martha Cutting, -	288 00	
Valetta M. Paine, -	270 00	
Ida M. Plimpton, -	252 00	
Ellen M. Williams, -	243 20	
Carrie E. Haskell, -	228 00	
Rubie M. Stetson, -	216 00	
Agnes M. Meagher,	200 00	
Alice E. Corbin, -	120 00	
Lizzie A. Potter, -	120 00	
Martha J. Dunton, -	99 00	
Alice B. Booth, -	84 00	
Rosalie V. Letcher, -	77 00	
L. E. D. Cheney, -	44 00	
Mary E. Meagher, -	9 60	
	<hr/>	7,380 70
Care of Rooms :		
John Flood, -	69 00	
Thos. Hayes, -	62 00	
George Washington, -	61 50	
J. M. Geer, -	27 99	
A. B. Collis, -	12 25	
John Plimpton, -	12 00	
Holmes Vinton, -	12 00	
W. George, -	8 00	
Harry C. Clark, -	8 00	
M. L. Edwards, -	8 00	
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Amounts carried forward, \$280 74 8,693 17

Amounts brought forward, \$280 74 8,693 17

M. Martin, -	-	4 00
Mrs. H. Walker, -	-	4 00
Alice Holmes, -	-	4 00
Wm. Power, -	-	2 00

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Wood :

A. L. Hyde, -	-	113 00
Morse Brothers, -	-	55 26
Thos. Hughes, -	-	20 25
E. B. Weld, -	-	18 62
V. M. Paine, -	-	16 87
C. M. Morse, -	-	14 05
W. O. Mason, -	-	11 30
J. & T. Ryan, -	-	11 26
W. P. Guy, -	-	6 31
J. M. & L. D. Clemence,		5 30
J. A. Marcy, -	-	3 50
Charles Hyde, -	-	4 20

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Cutting wood :

John Flood, -	-	6 50
George Washington,		3 25
Thos. Welch, -	-	1 09
E. M. Rice, -	-	1 00

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Balance to credit account March 1, 1887, \$2,075 09

Outstanding order, - - - - \$1 12

HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886, -	-	\$472 73
Appropriation April 12, 1886, -	-	1,700 00
		———— \$2,172 73

EXPENDITURES.

F. E. Corbin, services as Principal, -	\$675 00	
S. F. Tower, services as Principal,	357 50	
Miss Jennie E. Gould, services as Assistant, - - - -	270 00	
Miss E. V. Smalley, services as Assistant, - - - -	182 00	
Miss A. C. Teele, services as Assistant,	111 00	
Morse Brothers, wood, - -	47 94	
George Washington, janitor, -	37 87	
J. M. Geer, janitor, - - -	15 00	
Dresser & Paige, use Edwards hall,	17 50	
Southbridge Quadrille Band, services,	5 25	
W. S. Kilton, engrossing diplomas, -	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,720 81
Balance to credit account March 1, 1887,		<hr/> <u>\$451 92</u>

SCHOOL APPARATUS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886, - -	\$39 85	
Appropriated from Massachusetts school fund, - - - -	19 40	
Appropriated from unappropriated funds,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$109 25

EXPENDITURES.

E. S. Ritchie & Sons :		
Philosophical apparatus,	\$45 51	
Chemicals and apparatus,	21 28	
	<hr/>	\$66 79
Harold Marshall, 1 copy Yaggy's Anatomical Studies, - - -	35 00	
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Amount carried forward, \$101 79		

Amount brought forward, \$101 79			
J. L. Hammett, charts,	-	-	9 00
D. Appleton & Co., maps,	-	-	5 60
S. F. Tower, chemicals,	-	-	5 00
Wm. Ware & Co., maps,	-	-	2 79
G. C. Shepard & Co., chemicals,	-	-	5 75
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			\$129 93
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Account overdrawn March 1, 1887,			
			<u>\$20 68</u>

CONTINGENT SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$266 39
Appropriation April 12, 1886,	-	-	1,200 00
Books sold,	-	-	47 83
Damages,	-	-	1 45
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			\$1,515 67

EXPENDITURES.

Books :

Wm. Ware & Co.,	-	\$166 86
Cowperthwait & Co.,	-	153 89
Ginn & Co.,	-	70 81
Adams & Ingraham,	-	53 30
Harper Bros.,	-	25 00
Prang Educational Co.,	-	24 10
H. Hume,	-	23 87
Porter & Coates,	-	21 67
C. H. Whiting,	-	19 57
D. Appleton & Co.,	-	18 75
A. C. Stackin,	-	14 99
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	-	12 04
A. B. Wood,	-	9 50
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Amount carried forward, \$614 35

Amount brought forward, \$	614	35
D. C. Heath & Co., -	7	47
W. P. Adams, - -	5	00
C. Schoenhof, -	4	20
Clark & Maynard, -	3	35
S. F. Tower, -	1	50
	—	\$635 87

Supplies :

Boston School Supply Co.,	132	09
J. L. Hammet, -	83	60
J. F. King & Merrill,	71	29
W. H. Clarke and repairs,	50	12
Prang Educational Co.,	46	95
Knight, Adams & Co., -	29	04
Morse Bros., -	5	35
J. J. Delehanty, - -	5	50
W. A. Choate & Co., -	4	50
G. S. Perry, - -	3	75
D. H. Knowlton, -	8	25
Samuel Williams, -	3	00
G. H. Hartwell, -	2	80
W. P. Guy, - -	2	50
J. S. Gleason, -	1	44
	—	445 18
Henry McElwin, slating blackboards,	174	40
J. Booth & Co., dressing blackboards, -	5	01

Repairs and labor :

Hartwell Hobbs, -	46	15
Azel Thompson, - -	24	80
A. Deslauriers, -	21	67
P. M. Clarke, - -	15	33
W. McGuirk, -	8	00
W. J. Keith, - -	8	25
J. Booth & Co., -	6	15
O. J. Aldrich, - -	5	39

Amounts carried forward, \$135 74 1,260 46

Amounts brought forward, \$	135 74	1,260 46
J. M. Geer, - - -	5 50	
W. C. Lewis, - - -	2 40	
E. S. Northrop, - - -	1 40	
	—	145 04
J. J. Oakes, office rent for Superintendent,		100 55
A. H. Andrews & Co., desks and office table, - - -		163 50
Cleaning school rooms, etc. :		
J. M. Geer, - - -	18 80	
George Washington, - - -	17 10	
F. O. Letcher, - - -	13 00	
Margaret Hoben, - - -	5 25	
Kate Monahan, - - -	5 00	
Thos. Hayes, - - -	5 00	
Wm. Power, - - -	4 00	
Mrs. S. Vinton, - - -	2 65	
Mrs. H. Walker, - - -	2 50	
C. E. Haskell, - - -	2 00	
	—	75 30
J. T. Clark, express, freight, etc., -		53 94
Printing :		
Herald Pub Co., - - -	6 00	
G. M. Whitaker, - - -	11 50	
W. T. Robinson, - - -	14 30	
	—	31 80
J. Bird & Co., book case, - - -		45 00
P. M. Clarke, services as truant officer, -		45 43
Wm. Harper, express, etc., - - -		21 14
J. M. Amidown, taking school census, -		20 00
Wm. Griffin, concreting, - - -		19 88
Jos. Williams, pump, - - -		15 00
J. F. Parker & Son, teams, - - -		11 50
J. J. Bowlen, teams, - - -		2 00
S. Dresser, use of hall for lecture, -		10 00
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Amount carried forward, \$	2,020 54	

Amount brought forward, \$2,020 54		
Luke Reilley, police duty,	-	6 50
E. M. Rice, sawing wood,	-	4 50
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		\$2,031 54
Account overdrawn March 1, 1887,	-	<hr/>
		\$515 87
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ACCOUNTS.	Appropriations and receipt.	Expenditures.	Unexpended.	Deficiency paid and unpaid.	Outstanding.	Appropriations recommended.
Abatement of taxes.	\$412 91	\$363 46	\$49 45	.	.	\$1,500 00
Army and navy records,	75 00	75 00
Bridges,	639 09	626 03	13 06	.	.	300 00
Benefit street,	300 00	.	300 00	.	.	.
Cemetery improvements.	644 64	661 00	.	16 36	.	450 00
Common schools.	11,354 76	9,279 67	2,075 09	.	1 12	8 000 00
Contingent schools,	1,515 67	2,031 54	.	515 87	.	3 600 00
Chapin street walk,	238 52	192 53	45 99	.	.	.
Contingent,	1,393 92	1,448 40	.	54 48	.	1,000 00
Columbian road,	1,000 00	1,013 57	.	13 57	.	.
Cliff street wall,	250 00	265 17	.	15 17	.	.
Discount on taxes,	4,609 91	4,437 89	172 02	.	.	4,500 00
Central street walk,	249 19	729 84	.	480 65	.	.
Decoration day,	100 00	100 00	.	.	.	100 00
Dresser street walk,	1,146 56	1 577 22	.	430 66	.	.
Dresser street hill,	1 008 50	1,057 14	.	48 64	.	.
Engine men,	2,112 00	1,910 00	202 00	.	.	1 750 00
Fire department,	1,046 51	904 62	141 89	.	.	800 00
High school,	2,172 73	1,720 81	451 92	.	.	2 000 00
Hook street drain,	200 00	101 25	98 75	.	.	.
Highways,	5,041 76	5,137 74	.	95 98	.	3 000 00
Insurance,	200 00	220 04	.	20 04	.	200 00
Interest,	325 61	257 27	68 34	.	.	300 00
Lamps and lamp posts,	416 00	368 00	48 00	.	.	.
Lens street,	75 00	.	75 00	.	.	.
License law,	130 00	94 40	35 60	.	.	.
Liquor licenses,	1,715 00	1,164 75	550 25	.	.	.
Marcy street walk, east,	250 00	370 19	.	120 19	.	.
Marcy street walk, west,	304 09	304 09
Marble brook,	400 00	493 50	.	93 50	.	.
North street walk,	800 00	837 73	.	37 73	.	.
Outside poor,	4 225 29	3,267 57	957 72	.	.	2 500 00
Police station,	337 63	276 87	60 76	.	.	200 00
Printing,	450 00	387 51	62 49	.	.	400 00
Public library,	2,069 50	1,914 73	154 77	.	.	1 500 00
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Railings,	219 10	247 01	.	27 91	.	300 00
Repairs on farm build'gs,	686 30	370 06	316 24	.	.	.
River street walk,	500 00	257 46	242 54	.	.	.
School apparatus,	109 25	129 93	.	20 68	.	200 00
Sidewalks,	762 74	664 90	97 84	.	.	400 00
State aid,	510 31	162 00	348 31	.	.	.
Street lights,	2,090 31	2,399 47	.	309 16	.	2 500 00
Salaries,	2,703 30	2,037 66	665 64	.	.	2,000 00
Support of poor,	2,902 68	2,208 94	693 74	.	.	1,200 00
Sayles street walk,	1,283 96	1 839 20	.	555 24	.	.
West Dudley bridge,	700 00	599 28	100 72	.	.	.
Water supply,	640 00	640 00	.	.	.	700 00
	\$60,317 74	\$55,145 44	\$8028 13	\$2855 83	\$1 12	\$39 400 00

AUGUSTUS COOK, }
 C. W. JOHNSON, } Board
 F. W. EATON, } of
 Auditors.

VALUATIONS.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN FOR 1886.

Valuation of real estate,	-	-	\$2,229,790 00
Valuation of personal estate,	-	-	855,753 75
			<u>\$3,085,543 75</u>
Gain on real estate,	-	-	18,538 00
Loss on personal estate,	-	-	7,028 69
			<u>11,509 31</u>
Total gain,	-	-	\$11,509 31
Total tax—State, County and Town,	-	-	\$46,183 56
Rate of taxation,	-	-	\$14 00
Total number of polls,	-	-	1,493
Total number of horses,	-	-	441
Total number of cows,	-	-	430
Total number of sheep,	-	-	157
Total number of dwelling houses,	-	-	806
Total number of acres of land,	-	-	<u>12 211</u>

VALUATION OF CENTER WATCH DISTRICT.

Value of real and personal estate,	-	-	\$1,152,250 75
Gain in valuation over 1885,	-	-	33,394 25
Amount raised by taxation,	-	-	1,200 00
Rate of taxation,	-	-	1 05

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Library Committee.

REPORT.

The Library Committee respectfully submit their Seventeenth Annual Report, for the year ending Feb. 28, 1887.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 1, 1886,	-	-	\$138 77
Appropriation at annual meeting,	-		1,500 00
Dog fund for 1885,	-	-	346 98
Received by Librarian for fines, cards, etc.,			83 75
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			\$2,069 50

EXPENDITURES.

Miss A. J. Comins, librarian, for services and expenses paid by her,	-	-	\$903 64
Mutual Gas Light Co., for gas,	-		134 70
A. B. Goodier, for coal,	-	-	46 40
Library bureau, for supplies,	-		29 80
Cleves, Macdonald & Co., and others, for books, periodicals and binding,			700 06
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Amount carried forward,			\$1,814 60

Amount brought forward, \$1,814 60		
Carpenter & Co., for cabinet,	-	2 75
Alphonse Deslauriers, -	-	6 48
W. P. Plimpton, for wood. -	-	8 62
G. M. Whitaker, for desk, -	-	22 50
G. M. Whitaker, for printing, -	-	11 40
C. A. Dresser, for gas fixtures, -	-	9 00
G. L. Winter, for labor, -	-	2 60
Hartwell Hobbs, for labor, -	-	12 37
Booth & Co, for labor, -	-	5 17
Joseph Williams, repairing stove, -	-	10 25
Mutual Gas Light Co., for piping and labor,	-	2 24
Journal Pub. Co., for 2000 labels, -	-	3 25
H. A. Walbridge, for lettering library door,	-	1 50
American Library Association, for member- ship fees, -	-	2 00
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		<u>\$1,914 73</u>

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance to credit of account March 1, 1886,	\$36 84	
Appropriation for this account, -	700 00	
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Expended during the year, -	-	\$700 06
Balance to credit of account March 1, 1887,		<u>\$36 78</u>

REMARKS.

The annual examination of the Library was made by the committee on Feb. 22d, and the same was found in satisfactory condition. The committee would recommend an appropriation

of \$1500 and the dog fund for 1886, to defray the expenses for the ensuing year. We append herewith the report of our librarian, which is made a part of our own.

Respectfully submitted by the Library Committee.

C. C. BRADFORD, Secretary.

Public Library, March 1, 1887.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

No person familiar with Library work, at the present day, can fail to recognize that whatever may have been its work in the past its present work is a part of our system of education. No better proof can be given of its acknowledged value in this direction than the large legacies and gifts which have recently been made for the foundation of public libraries, and the erection of library buildings. That our own library is more and more valued for its educational facilities, is each year becoming more apparent. The increasing use of the volumes for investigation into special subjects of study is most gratifying. The members of our various clubs and literary societies, teachers and pupils, as well as others, are apparently learning that our shelves are store-houses of books, containing important and useful knowledge, needing only to be appropriated to enrich and elevate the mind. It is the aim of those entrusted with the selection of our books to purchase such as shall meet the needs and reasonable demands of our readers. That their efforts have not been unappreciated, we have good reason to believe. It will be seen by consulting our table of "Accession and Circulation" that a larger number than usual has been added to our department of fiction. Twenty-five of these volumes are a new edition of Scott's novels, and fifteen volumes, a new edition of Dickens' novels. Though we had complete sets of the works of both of these authors, they were in poor print, and many were deterred

from reading them on this account. The new editions are illustrated and have notes and glossary, and are very acceptable to our readers. The schools are not unmindful of the extended privilege allowed them by the new arrangement made last year. Two hundred and sixty-nine books have been issued on school cards. The following is the classification of those used in the schools : Fiction 12, juvenile works 65, history 68, biography 20, travels 28, poetry 19, scientific 30, literary 27. That the interest in the Natural History rooms continues may be seen from the list of gifts, and from the number of visitors. There have been 1016 visitors during the year to the department. For list of gifts to the Museum, see "Donors and Gifts," in the appendix. Among the gifts to the library and reading room worthy of special notice are sixty-six volumes from George M. Whitaker; a scrap book, containing 178 pages, made of clippings from the Southbridge Journal and other Southbridge papers, from Mrs. Libya M. Litchfield; a portrait of the late Dr. Samuel Hartwell, and an engraving of Hawthorne. Our needs in the direction of additional room for storing books, and for a working room, are forcing themselves upon us more and more each year, and we earnestly hope may at no distant day be supplied. From our yearly examination of the books, Feb. 22d, it was found there had been no books lost.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

	March 1, 1886.	Added from March 1, 1886, to March 1, 1887.	Withdrawn from March 1, 1886, to March 1, 1887.	Total number in Library, March 1, 1887.
Books in Library, - -	10,623	498	7	11,114
Pamphlets in Library, -	1,105	38	72	1,071
Periodicals (odd numbers) in Library,	247	22		247
Total unbound material, -	1,352		72	1,318

ACCESSIONS.

Purchases, - - - -	302
Binding of periodicals and pamphlets, - -	66
Gifts, - - - -	130
	<u>498</u>
Deduct withdrawals, - - -	7
	<u>491</u>
Add number in the Library March 1, 1886, -	10,623
	<u>11,114</u>
Present number in Library, - -	<u><u>11,114</u></u>

CLASSIFICATION.

[ACCESSION AND CIRCULATION.]

Rank of Classes.		No. Added.	No. in Library.	No. Circulated.	Per- centage.
1	Fiction, - -	103	1,204	8,028	49.25
2	Juvenile works, -	35	774	3,848	23.61
3	History, - -	32	984	634	3.89
4	Biography, -	28	940	543	3.43
5	Travels and description,	27	627	802	4.92
6	Poetry and drama, -	11	482	331	2.03
7	Scientific and educational,	32	606	358	2.19
8	Literary and æsthetic,	15	786	358	2.19
9	Religious and philosophical,	17	402	123	.75
10	Complete works, -	00	255	87	.54
11	Miscellaneous works,	16	337	201	1.24
12	Bound periodicals,	69	809	459	2.82
13	Agricultural works, -	17	148	29	.17
14	Law documents [reserved],	3	167	00	.00
15	Mass. public documents,	15	332	2	.01
16	U. S. public documents,	24	689	18	.11
17	French books, -	27	83	466	2.79
R.	Reserved section [issued by special permit], -	24	519	11	.06
D.	Duplicates, -	3	246	00	.00
A. L.	Ammidown Library [re- served], - -	00	724	00	.00
		<u>498</u>	<u>11,114</u>	<u>16,298</u>	<u>100.00</u>

RANK OF MONTHS.

Use in Library.	1885	1886.	Use at Home.	1885.	1886.
1 March, -	350	280	1 March,	1811	1726
2 April,	370	385	2 April,	1551	1407
3 May, -	270	200	3 May,	1395	1312
4 June,	220	248	4 June,	1317	1314
5 July, -	235	209	5 July,	1259	1367
6 August,	247	211	6 August,	1394	1241
7 September,	236	195	7 September,	1311	1194
8 October,	290	260	8 October,	1427	1211
9 November,	265	250	9 November,	1335	1303
10 December,	276	265	10 December,	1467	1313
11 January, '87,	300	470	11 January, '87	1682	1470
12 February,	356	445	12 February,	1559	1440
Total,	<u>3,415</u>	<u>3,418</u>	Total,	<u>17,508</u>	<u>16,298</u>

CIRCULATION.

From March 1, 1886, to March 1, 1887.

AGGREGATE.

Total number of volumes consulted at the library,	-	3,418
Total number of volumes taken for home use,	-	16,298
Total circulation of books,	-	19,716

USE OF LIBRARY WITHIN THE ROOM.

Largest use on any day, April 12,	-	-	60
Smallest use on any day, Feb. 11,	-	-	3
Average use per day,	-	-	11

ISSUED FOR HOME USE.

Largest number issued any day, March 6,	-	153
Smallest number issued any day, Feb. 18,	-	20
Average issue per day,	-	53

NUMBER WHO HAVE TAKEN BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY.

Accounts open from the beginning,	-	-	3,702
Accounts cancelled from the beginning,		-	1,858
Accounts opened the past year,	-	-	195
Accounts now open,	-	-	<u>1,844</u>

DONORS AND GIFTS.

	BOOKS.	PAMPH- LETS.	MAGAZINES.
Berkshire Athenæum, Pittsfield, Mass.,	1		
Boston Public Library,	-	2	
Brackett, Joseph,	6		
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Cheney, John M.,	-	4	
Commonwealth,	-	1	
Hartford Library Association,	-	5	
Hartwell, Dr. S. C., the estate of,	4	1	
Joslin, Hon. A. L.,	6		
Kinsey, Joseph,	1		
Knowlton, T. S., librarian of West Brookfield Library,	-	1	
Litchfield, Mrs. Libya M.,	1		
Lovell, Geo. M.,	4		22
MacDonnell Bros., Chicago,	-	1	
Nantucket Athenæum, Nantucket, Mass.,	1		
Newton, Free Public Library,	-	1	
Paige, C. A.,	1		
Providence Public Library,	-	1	
Rice, Hon. W. W.,	20		
Rockport (Mass.) Public Library,		1	
Smithsonian Institution,	1		
Amounts carried forward,	<u>56</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>

Amounts brought forward,	56	19	22
Southbridge Town Officers,	- 7		
Springfield Public Library,		1	
Stone, Admiral P., -	-	1	
Tyngsborough Public Library,		1	
Washington, Department of Interior,	- -	7	
Whitaker, George M., -	- 66	1	
Woman's Medical College, Phil.,		1	
Woodbury, J. L., -	- 1		
Worcester Public Library,	-	6	
Anonymous,	-	1	
	<u>130</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>22</u>

GIFTS TO READING ROOM.

Ammidown, E. H., "Commercial Bulletin."

Easterbrook, Rev. G., "The Cosmopolitan."

Gray, Henry, "Chelsea Record."

Kremmen, Rev. J. M., "Catholic World."

Leonard, Mrs. M. F., "Union Signal."

Nichols, E. C., "Webster Eagle."

Noyes, George, "Massachusetts Ploughman."

Robinson, Wm. T., "Southbridge Herald."

U. S. Patent Office, "Official Gazette" of the U. S. patent office.

Universalist Society, "Christian Leader," and "Universalist Quarterly."

Whitaker, George M., "New England Farmer" and "Southbridge Journal."

Seventh Day Adventist Society, "Good Health" and "Signs of the Times."

GIFTS TO MUSEUM.

Allen, A. T., of Union, Conn. Account and ciphering manuscript belonging to the late Calvin Easterbrook of Woodstock, Conn., dated 1764. A copy of the "Ulster County Gazette," published Jan. 4, 1800, in which is a notice of the death and funeral services of Gen. Washington.

Brackett, Joseph. The yoke worn by "Pete" the animal who carried the express when the epizootic raged in town. A crutch, called a "spinal crutch."

Burke, Master Theodore. A hair worm (Gordius).

Herideen, H. F. Pewter buttons, such as were worn about two hundred years since, with the machine for making them.

Leonard, Mrs. M. F. A newspaper containing the advertisement subscribed by Luther and Calvin Ammidown as administrators on the estate of Caleb Ammidown, who died April 15, 1799.

Leonard, B. A. A specimen of mail matter addressed to the late Manning Leonard, Esq., rescued from the steamer Oregon, sunk off Fire Island, March 14, 1886.

Mason, Henry D. Papers belonging to the late Capt. Abel Mason, relating to the parish and town of Southbridge. Also muster rolls and other army papers.

Morse, Edwin T. A copy of "The Call," a San Francisco paper containing an account of the twentieth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Paige, C. A. Relics from the battle-fields of Gettysburg and Antietam ; also a stone from the foundation of Jefferson Mill at Mount Vernon, the home of Washington, and a peach stone from a peach tree at Mount Vernon.

Wells, George W. A copy of "The Emancipator," published by the American Anti-Slavery Society, dated June 22, 1837.

FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS.

Fines, - - - - -	\$64 21
Cards, - - - - -	9 02
Catalogues, - - - - -	3 25
Waste paper, - - - - -	5 77
F. H. Walker, of Mashapaug, for use of Library six months, - - - - -	1 50
	—\$83 75

EXPENDITURES.

Express and freight, - - -	\$15 90
Postage, - - - - -	7 58
Stationery, - - - - -	3 83
Extra papers and magazines, - -	3 29
Glue, mucilage and repairing muslin, -	3 80
New type for rubber stamp, - -	75
Disinfectant, insect powder and alcohol for museum, 1	88
Gas lighters, charcoal and twine, -	1 80
Brooms, brushes and pail, - - -	6 07
New seating six stools for reading room,	1 50
H. Hobbs, Wm. Clarke and others for repairs,	7 24
	—\$53 64

A. JEANNETTE COMINS, Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT.

ALMSHOUSE AND FARM.

The charges at the almshouse and farm are \$2,208. Net cost for full support with an average of 17 inmates is \$142 per week, includes services of the Superintendent and Matron, hired labor, services of physician, etc. Mr. and Mrs. George F. Northup, who have served as Superintendent and Matron for the last seven years to the satisfaction of the several boards of Overseers, are engaged for another year. Three hundred and seventy dollars have been expended for repairs of buildings, the old chimney taken down a new one built, and other repairs which have much improved the family part of the house. The inventory of personal property is \$3,012, a gain of \$581 over last year. The balance to the credit of the account with the gain of personal property is \$774.

For the support of poor at the almshouse we recommend for the ensuing year an appropriation of \$1,200, same as last year. For outside poor \$2,500 against \$3,500 last year, a reduction of \$1,000, with a balance of \$316 in the treasury for repairs of buildings. No appropriation need be made for this account.

OUTSIDE POOR.

The charges to outside poor have been \$3,267, includes \$1,001 for the insane at hospitals, \$118 paid in other towns for paupers having settlements in this town, \$594 for paupers in

this town having settlements in other towns which has or will be paid back to the town, for tramps \$19.80. This shows \$1,535 paid in the town. The whole expense of outside poor in and out of town is \$2,673, a decrease of \$604 from last year. The balance in the treasury to credit of the account is \$957, will be increased to \$1,168 by the payment of bills due from other towns March 1st. Nearly one-third of the account is for the insane at hospitals; two inmates, Bridget Kane and Regina Fogle, have recently been transferred to the town almshouse; remaining inmates are Lydia Fisk, Catherine Tynan, Thomas Boyle, Hendrick L. Smith. Tramps cared for 198, against 408 last year.

C. A. PAIGE,
E. M. PHILLIPS,
WM. C. CALLAHAN,
Overseers of the Poor.

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

The following persons have been inmates of the almshouse for the whole or part of the year with an average of 17 for the year :

John Clark,	-	-	-	-	aged 80
Charles Congdon,	-	-	-	-	aged 39
Thomas Powers,	-	-	-	-	aged 69
Ellen Powers,	-	-	-	-	aged 63
Margaret O'Brien,	-	-	-	-	aged 71
Lucy Harding,	-	-	-	-	aged 56
Catherine Tynan,	-	-	-	-	aged 71
Mary Baker,	-	-	-	-	aged 86
John Murphy,	-	-	-	-	aged 63
Albert Sanders,	-	-	-	-	aged 60
Catherine Welch,	-	-	-	-	aged 69
Lucy Cady,	-	-	-	-	aged 87

John Mack,	-	-	-	-	aged 62
Daniel Holden,	-	-	-	-	aged 66
Mary Cutting,	-	-	-	-	aged 25
Ruby Cutting,	-	-	-	-	aged 1
Lewis Gaumon,	-	-	-	-	aged 25
Bridget Kane,	-	-	-	-	aged 56
Regina Fogle,	-	-	-	-	aged 65
Hiram Simpson,	-	-	-	-	aged 63
*Daniel Smith,	-	-	-	-	aged 48
*Mary Conley,	-	-	-	-	Unknown
*Mary Tobin and child, (10 months),	-	-	-	-	aged 25
*Shepard Davis,	-	-	-	-	aged 8
*Lucy Martin,	-	-	-	-	aged 24
*Ardoe Martin,	-	-	-	-	Infant
*John McCarty,	-	-	-	-	aged 62
*Mary King,	-	-	-	-	aged 21
*Joseph King,	-	-	-	-	aged 5
*Rosie King,	-	-	-	-	aged 3
*Francis Scarborough,	-	-	-	-	aged 48
*Kate McGrath,	-	-	-	-	aged 18
*Joseph Williams, died Oct. 30, 1886, age 77.					

*Not inmates March 1, 1887.

ACCOUNTS DUE THE TOWN.

OUTSIDE ACCOUNT.

State of Massachusetts,	-	-	\$96 58	
City of Northampton,	-	-	113 28	
Town of Williamsburg,	-	-	6 00	
			<hr/>	\$215 86

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

State of Massachusetts,	-	-	\$549 00	
J. P. Green, old iron,	-	-	5 73	
			<hr/>	<u>\$554 73</u>

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE AND FARM, Feb. 28, 1887.

Class 1, - - - -	\$1,041 00	
2, - - - -	341 50	
3, - - - -	753 45	
4, - - - -	238 67	
5, - - - -	233 00	
6, - - - -	398 10	
7, - - - -	7 12	
	<hr/>	\$3,012 84
Inventory of 1886, - - -	-	2,431 82
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Gain from 1886, - - -	-	\$581 02
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LEWIS MORSE,
CHAUNCY BROWN,
GEO. L. CLEMENCE,
Appraisers.

Southbridge, Feb. 28, 1887.

ACCOUNT OF CASH

Received and Paid the Treasurer by C. A. Paige for account of
the Overseers of the Poor, for the year ending Feb. 28, 1887.

Town of Ware, aid to Mrs. A. E. Cooper,	\$11 25
Town of Rutland, aid to Edwin M. Rice, -	25 50
Town of Medway, aid to Mrs. C. A. Phillips,	53 34
Town of Palmer, aid to Mrs. Henry Place, -	5 25
Town of Hadley, aid to Miss Catherine Parr,	26 00
Town of Sutton, aid to Lewis Mountain, -	13 56
Town of Grafton, aid to Mary Lucy Martin,	31 36
Town of Williamsburg, aid to Mrs. Henry Wetherell, - - -	94 00
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Amount carried forward, \$260 26	

Amount brought forward, \$260 26		
Town of Spencer, aid to Joseph Dragon,	25 50	
Charles Morse, 1 old cart, -	10 00	
Nelson Fortier, clothing, etc., -	13 24	
Joseph Demars, for coffin, etc., -	10 00	
Peter Martin, 1 cow, -	35 00	
George F. Northup, 1 heifer, -	18 00	
C. A. Paige, for produce, -	7 46	
Wm. C. Callahan, for produce, -	4 30	
E. M. Phillips, for produce, -	13 34	
Nelson Vinton, for produce, -	10	
Rev. G. Esterbrook, for produce, -	3 00	
A. W. Olds, for produce, -	80	
Caroline Stead, for produce, -	73	
H. Walker, for produce, -	1 00	
C. Ide, for produce, -	50	
Joseph Fallows, for produce, -	1 08	
Ira Vinton, for produce, -	18	
N. J. Harrington, for produce, -	1 79	
Jos. Williams, for produce, -	65	
C. V. Carpenter, for produce, -	4 00	
J. W. Marble, for produce, -	5 00	
M. M. Marble, for produce, -	1 08	
Geo. White, for produce, -	2 50	
Joseph Gagnon, for produce, -	6 00	
J. M. Cochran, for produce, -	4 00	
Edwin Morse, for produce, -	1 00	
Geo. Trusedale, for produce, -	5 00	
James Marble, for produce, -	4 00	
Chauncy Brown, for produce, -	1 25	
Metcalf Baker, for produce, -	5 80	
Chas. Johnson, for produce, -	3 00	
John Derien, 2 pigs, -	15 00	
Samuel Hager, 1 pig, -	3 50	
Frank Sayles, 1 pig, -	3 00	
W. E. Alden, amount overpaid, -	4 00	
		<hr/> \$475 06 <hr/>



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FIRE ENGINEERS.

REPORT.



The Engineers have the honor of submitting their annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending Feb. 28, 1887, showing the condition of the Department at the present time.

MANUAL FORCE.

The manual force consists of a chief and four assistant engineers, two steamer companies of fifteen men each, two hook and ladder companies of ten men each ; also eleven horses subject to the call of the department.

FIRE ALARMS.

The record of fire alarms for the year is four, the aggregate loss of which is about \$11,000, partially covered by insurance.

The department has been called out to but a very few false alarms.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition. Steamer No. 2 was inspected in June, and pronounced to be in a dangerous condition. It was immediately placed in the shop and thoroughly repaired by putting on entire new steel fire box and new tubes, and is now pronounced by competent judges to be as good as new. It was also reported adding much to its appearance.

HOUSES.

A new cement floor has been laid in No. 1 engine house, which will last for all time. This was a much-needed improvement.

Although the firemen have had but a little to do the past year it may be the calm before the storm, and should the storm come we feel confident that the men would render a good account of themselves, and as in the past reflect credit on themselves and on the department.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN CLAFLIN,

Chief of Department.

ROLL CALL FOR 1886-7.

ENGINEERS.

Calvin Claflin, Chief.

A. H. Cozzens, 1st Asst.

B. C. Stone, 2d Asst.

J. W. Robinson, 3d Asst.

M. Egan, 4th Asst. and Clerk.

STEAMER CO. NO. 1.

Charles Phipps, Foreman and Steward.

Franklin Cady, Engineer. Geo. A. Bartlett, Asst.

William L. Felton, Fireman.

E. L. Gay, Eugene Comstock, A. E. Buell, Joseph Bebo,
Robert Moore, Wm. Northup, James Marble, Ernest Chandler,
Frank Felton, Frank Reed. George Keach, substitute.

HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 1.

George V. Moulton, Foreman.

M. L. Dillaber, Assistant Foreman.

E. A. Brown, Clerk and Treasurer.

Charles Stone, Julius Stone, Frank Vinton, Everet Kenfield,
Andrew M. Higgins, Louis Duquette, Napoleon Duquette.

STEAMER CO. NO. 2.

J. W. McKinstry, Foreman.

Luke Reilly, Assistant.

Charles Hall, Clerk.

A. H. Simpson, Engineer. George Simpson, Assistant.

James A. Ryan, Fireman.

Geo. W. Upham, T. H. Burns, Geo. H. Thayer, Wm. F.
Bartlett, J. T. Holden, Ed. Dougherty, J. Splaine, Lawrence
Flynn, Robert Pepper.

HOOK AND LADDER CO. NO. 2.

John J. Ryan, Foreman.

Thomas Shea, Assistant.

John T. Hoben, Clerk.

Michael W. Kelly, Edward Splaine, John F. Cuddihy, Michael Breen, Thomas F. Ryan, William Kennedy, Peter Cunningham.

LIST OF FIRES.

March 8. Alarm sounded at 10.45 p. m. Albert McKinstry. Loss \$6000. Partially insured. Full department out 8 hours. Cause of fire, accident.

April 20. Alarm sounded at 3.40 p. m. Wooden bridge N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Full department out. Loss none.

July 7. Skating rink ; owner, H. W. Hamilton. Whole department out. Loss \$5000 ; insurance \$1000.

July 13. Hamilton Woolen Co. shed. Loss \$300 ; insurance none.

MICHAEL EGAN, Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TAX COLLECTOR

UNPAID TAXES.

POLLS.

Anger, Charles,	\$2 00	Caughlin, Thomas,	\$2 00
*Breen, Michael,	2 00	Clarke, Joseph,	2 00
Brogan, John,	2 00	Comifort, Michael,	2 00
Boucher, Dieudonne,	2 00	Croteau, Zepheim,	2 00
*Bartlett, Wm. F.,	2 00	Champagne, Pierre,	2 00
Bachand, Pierre (Cross st.)	2 00	Cormier, Pierre,	2 00
Bouvier, William,	2 00	Cadaret, Felix,	2 00
Brown, David,	2 00	Codere, Joseph,	2 00
Blute, John,	2 00	*Cunningham, Peter,	2 00
Bouvier, Joseph,	2 00	Choinard, Alfred,	2 00
Beauregard, Joseph,	2 00	Carmel, Peter,	2 00
Bertrand, Hyacinth,	2 00	Caplette, Olivier,	2 00
Balthazar, Henry, Jr.,	2 00	Curran, James,	2 00
Bachand, Michel 3d,	2 00	Connell, William,	2 00
Barry, Peter,	2 00	Demerce, Leon,	2 00
Bonin, Amede,	2 00	Dragon, Francois,	2 00
Boucher, Narcisse,	2 00	Dumas, Pierre,	2 00
Bertrand, Louis,	2 00	Degrenier, Andrew,	2 00
Brown, John F.,	2 00	Deleney, Michael,	2 00
Brousseau, Albert,	2 00	Duquette, Joseph,	2 00
Blais, James,	2 00	Duquette, Edward, Jr.	2 00
Boyle, John,	2 00	*Duquette, Napoleon,	2 00
Bibeau, Adelord,	2 00	Duclos, David,	2 00
Balthazar, Narcisse,	2 00	Dumouchel, Samuel,	2 00
Brown, David J.	2 00	Doyle, James,	2 00
Callahan, James J.,	2 00	Douty, Charles,	2 00
*Cuddihy, John,	2 00	Desourdie, Louis,	2 00

*Doherty, Edward,	\$2 00	Howard, Michael,	\$2 00
Dufaut, David,	2 00	Joubert, Euserbe,	2 00
Dufaut, Pierre,	2 00	Jalbert, Diendonno,	2 00
Duperez, Albert,	2 00	*Kenfield, Everett,	2 00
Ducharme, Maxime,	2 00	Kinney, John,	2 00
Demerce, Euserbe,	2 00	Lavalle, Michael,	2 00
Daigneault, Philibert,	2 00	Lamothe, Felix,	2 00
Dunn, John,	2 00	L'homme, Michel,	2 00
Daigneault, Alphonse,	2 00	Lataille, Alexander,	2 00
*Felton, Wm. L.,	2 00	Langevin, Pierre V.,	2 00
Fontaine, Lucian,	2 00	Lorange, Louis,	2 00
Fay, Frank,	2 00	Larivier, Pierre,	2 00
*Felton, Frank N.,	2 00	Lavalle, Louis 2d,	2 00
Franklin, James,	2 00	Leduc, Geofrey,	2 00
Gauthier, Stanislas,	2 00	Lataille, Cyrille,	2 00
Gravel, Francis X.,	2 00	Loranger, J. B.,	2 00
Gravel, Alfred,	2 00	Lamothe, Felix,	2 00
Geer, John M.,	2 00	Lacasse, Alfred,	2 00
Grant, James D.,	2 00	Lavalle, Pierre (River st.)	2 00
Grant, Edward,	2 00	Lynk, Francis,	2 00
Girard, Pierre,	2 00	Lachapelle, J. Edmond,	2 00
Gregorie, Joseph,	2 00	Laroche, J. B.,	2 00
Girard, Charles W.,	2 00	Lamontagne, Louis,	2 00
Gauthier, Amable,	2 00	*Laroche, Julien,	2 00
Galipeau, J. B.,	2 00	*Laroche, Charles,	2 00
Gravel, Joseph,	2 00	Laplante, Arcidace,	2 00
Garceau, Charles,	2 00	Livernoie, Oliver,	2 00
Horrigan, Patrick,	2 00	Larochelle, Ludger,	2 00
Holden, Thomas H.,	2 00	Laliberty, Maxime,	2 00
*Holden, James T.,	2 00	Labossiere, Pierre,	2 00
Hannon, James,	2 00	Labossiere, Philios,	2 00
Hetue, Louis,	2 00	Lacasse, Arthur,	2 00
Hogan, John W.,	2 00	Lee, Samuel,	2 00
Houle, Theophile,	2 00	Laliberty, Joseph,	2 00
Hetue, Elzear,	2 00	Lavalle, Pierre (Hook st.)	2 00
Halaire, Pierre,	2 00	Laroche, J. B.,	2 00

Lavalle, Thomas,	\$2 00	*Peppard, Robert B.,	\$2 00
Lamontagne, Joseph,	2 00	Peloquin, Pierre,	2 00
Laughlin, John,	2 00	Peloquin, Pierre 2d,	2 00
Lamothe, Pierre,	2 00	Pioulx, Charles,	2 00
Laplante, Joseph,	2 00	Proulx, Maxime,	2 00
Murphy, Michael,	2 00	Potvin, Francois,	2 00
*Moore, Robert E.,	2 00	Patenaud, Joseph,	2 00
Mansfield, Thomas, Jr.,	2 00	Poirier, Pierre,	2 00
*Moulton, George V.,	2 00	Proulx, J. B., Jr.,	2 00
Murphy, Thomas,	2 00	Peloskie, Ernest,	2 00
Maher, John,	2 00	Peck, Richard,	2 00
Monminy, Jerry,	2 00	Potvin, Joseph,	2 00
Marchessault, Narcisse,	2 00	Peloquin, Theotine,	2 00
Monroe, James,	2 00	Parent, Cleof hus,	2 00
Marchessault, Joseph,	2 00	Perron, Michel,	2 00
Morrissey, Patrick,	2 00	Poirier, Jean B.,	2 00
Martin, John,	2 00	Pelardy, Michel,	2 00
Moore, Octave,	2 00	Pollard, Joseph,	2 00
Moren, Eugene,	2 00	Plouf, Calixte,	2 00
Monminy, Hormidas,	2 00	Paul, Francois,	2 00
Murphy, John C.,	2 00	Quirk, John,	2 00
Monminy, Jeremiah,	2 00	*Ryan, John J.,	2 00
Murphy, Dennis, Jr.,	2 00	*Ryan, Thomas,	2 00
Martel, Isadore,	2 00	*Riley, Luke,	2 00
Martland, Charles,	2 00	Ryan, Thomas,	2 00
Morrison, Lawrence T.,	2 00	Ryan, William,	2 00
Nadeau, Louis,	2 00	Ryan, William,	2 00
*Northup, W. A.,	2 00	Ryan, James,	2 00
Nadeau, Joseph,	2 00	Ryan, William,	2 00
O'Brien, Michael,	2 00	Ryan, Daniel,	2 00
O'Keefe, John,	2 00	Robert, Louis,	2 00
O'Brien, John,	2 00	Rochon, Victor,	2 00
O'Brien, Martin,	2 00	Renaud, Joseph,	2 00
O'Brien, Jeremiah,	2 00	Renaud, Pierre,	2 00
O'Halloran, James,	2 00	Renaud, J. B.,	2 00
O'Keefe, Patrick,	2 00	Riopel, Eugene,	2 00

Rheims, Leon,	\$2 00	Theriahult, Joseph,	\$2 00
Smith, Cornelius L.,	2 00	Trembley, Theophile,	2 00
Sheridan, Patrick,	2 00	Trembley, Theophile, Jr.,	2 00
Savory, Frank,	2 00	Tisdale, Dennis,	2 00
Simpson, F. X.,	2 00	Toben, Frank,	2 00
St. Onge, Vitalien,	2 00	Tower, Samuel F.,	2 00
*Splane, Edward,	2 00	*Upham, George W.,	2 00
St. Martin, Louis,	2 00	Vinton, Charles M.,	2 00
Savory, Louis,	2 00	Varie, Aime,	2 00
Savory, Henry,	2 00	Varin, Joseph,	2 00
Thetrault, Jacques,	2 00	Washington, George,	2 00
Thetrault, Trefflee,	2 00	Willis, Oscar,	2 00
Toole, John,	2 00	Yeates, Robert,	2 00
Therien, Jules,	2 00		
Tessier, Pierce,	2 00	Total, 227 Polls \$2,	<u>\$454 00</u>

PROPERTY TAXES.

Authier, George,	\$2 35	Morse, R. W.,	\$22 15
*Bibeau, Joseph,	5 01	Riopel, Leander,	2 35
Chamberlain, A. M.,	48 20	Sayles, John E.,	3 40
Desrossiers, Jean Louis,	2 56	Smith, J. A.,	6 20
Duchesneau, Oliver,	11 03	Waldron, Joseph H.,	3 40
Frenier, Frank,	2 70	Witter, Asa (non-resident)	5 25
Holden, Thomas,	9 80	Shaw, E.F. (non-resident)	8 40
Houghton, Aaron B.,	14 60		
Langevin, Joseph,	17 05		<u>\$164 45</u>

*Firemen, who have claims for services more than enough to pay their taxes.

SUMMARY FOR 1886.

DEBIT.

Tax list for 1886, -	-	-	\$49,261 01
Additional taxes assessed,	-		62 60
			<hr/> \$49,323 61

CREDIT.

Cash paid Town Treasurer,	.	-	\$48,578 70
Cash on hand,	-	-	126 46
Poll and property taxes unpaid,	-		618 45
			<hr/> \$49,323 61

Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. B. LITCHFIELD, Collector.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN.

REPORT.

We herewith respectfully submit a brief report of some of the more important of our doings during the fiscal year ending March 1st. A detailed account of receipts and expenditures may be found in the Auditor's report.

We have endeavored to keep expenditures within the limit of the several appropriations, but in a few instances this was found to be impossible, without detriment to the welfare of the town. The financial standing of the town never was better than now, and this too in the face of substantial and expensive improvements, unequalled by any town of its size in New England, secured without exorbitant taxation. There are further improvements that should be made. The town is suffering for want of better High and Grammar school accommodations, and sooner or later is sure to come to grief for want of some system of sewerage. We have said so much in former reports touching this latter matter that it seems useless to make further recommendations. But the above improvements ought to be made, and can be without any very perceptible increase in the rate of taxation.

HIGHWAYS.

The repairs of highways are exclusively in the hands of the Highway Surveyor, but he has at all times been willing to consult with us in regard to any suggestions we desired to make. It may seem to some taxpayers that the highway repairs are too expensive. But the fact must not be overlooked that the town

is continually locating new streets, and that the people demand better ones than in former years. It is impossible to maintain good, smooth roads without expending large sums of money. For a few years past Southbridge has had the reputation of having the best roads in the county. We believe this reputation has been more than maintained during the past year, and that all repairs have been thoroughly and economically made.

Something should be done to Crane street, as at certain seasons of the year it is almost impassible. We recommend a special appropriation for this street.

We also recommend that the town appropriate a sum sufficient to build a tool house. Large sums are expended each year for tools, but there is no place for storing them. To retain a large number of tools from season to season without some place for safe keeping is almost impossible.

The Highway Surveyor recommends the purchase of another road scraper, and we have inserted an article in the Warrant to see if the town will vote to do so. The one the town now has is not adapted to moving snow, while the one we have on trial is adapted for this purpose, and is equally good for general repairs.

SIDEWALKS.

The sidewalks throughout the town are in much better condition than last year. All the old plank walks, with the exception of the one on Crane street, have been removed and gravel substituted therefor. We deemed it inadvisable to remove the latter till the street is improved, as it would be impossible to do satisfactory work on the walk with the street in its present condition. This should receive early attention from the incoming board, as the walk is badly dilapidated.

STREET LIGHTS.

This account has been overdrawn, for since the annual appropriation was made twenty-three additional lamps have been established, with no appropriation for lighting them, consequently we were obliged to maintain these lights out of the original appropriation.

We have been interviewed quite recently by agents of various electric light companies about lighting our streets by electricity. It seems to us that it would be injudicious for the town to adopt the electric light at present, and we have given them no encouragement. Although Southbridge should keep abreast of the times, as it has been demonstrated that this light is too expensive for any place with less than ten thousand inhabitants, we think the town will show more wisdom by keeping just a little behind the times than by getting too far ahead in this respect. The streets are now well lighted, at an annual expense of about two thousand dollars. The adoption of the electric light would cost double this amount, with not much better results.

BRIDGES.

During the year we have replanked the two largest bridges in town with three-inch Southern pine plank. Many of the smaller bridges have been also replanked. We believe it is economy to use hard pine, especially on the large bridges.

Most of the bridges have been painted and otherwise repaired within a year or two, so that it will be unnecessary to appropriate a large amount for repairs during the coming year.

CONTINGENT.

This account is slightly overdrawn. At the commencement of the year we settled with Bridget Martin for damages incurred on the Hamilton street plank walk by paying her a little

over four hundred dollars. We also had to pay one hundred dollars that was offered as a reward for evidence that would convict of burglary.

The contingent account is the most difficult to control of any that comes within our jurisdiction. All bills contracted outside of specified appropriations have to be drawn from this fund. It is therefore next to impossible to make an accurate estimate in advance of the amount that will be required to meet the demand for contingencies.

RAILINGS.

We have constructed during the year, about one thousand feet of iron-post railing which is permanent and attractive. No other railing should be tolerated by the town, especially within the limits of the villages.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The town has been unusually fortunate during the past year in having escaped any very large fire, the burning of McKinstry block at the commencement of the year being the only fire of any importance. We have no jurisdiction over this department except in the appointment of engineers. We believe, however, that no department is more ably and economically managed. It has gained a reputation, among similar organizations in this county, of being one of the best. Officers and men are efficient and worthy of much praise. We trust that the citizens will see that the department is generously sustained.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Happily the town has been visited by no serious contagious disease during the past year. There have been a number of cases of scarlatina, most of them of a mild form. The physicians

have been prompt in reporting all cases, and when necessary, have used great care in fumigating infected habitations. The School Board and Superintendent of Schools are also entitled to much credit for prompt action to prevent the spread of the disease.

The duties of the Board of Health have been similar to those of former years. It is a department that requires great care and responsibility, and if properly attended to, much time. In our last annual report, we recommended that this department have a separate and distinct board of officers, and we are of that opinion still.

NEW SIDEWALKS.

At the annual meeting, the town voted to build sidewalks as follows: On the west side of Sayles street, both sides of Dresser street, and the south side of North street from Foster to Mechanic streets—about three thousand feet in all. The walks on Sayles and Dresser streets are completed and are equal in every respect to any in town. The North street walk is unfinished, the sum appropriated having been inadequate. This walk, when completed, will be a great accommodation to the laborers in the employ of the American Optical Company. The town should appropriate sufficient money to complete it at an early day.

The above work, with the exception of the concreting which was done by Calvin Claffin, was supervised by A. H. Shepard, and was all satisfactorially performed.

CLIFF STREET WALL.

Two hundred and fifty dollars were appropriated to build a retaining wall on Cliff Street, near the Clark place. This amount we found to be inadequate. An additional appropriation of about one hundred and fifty dollars will be required to complete this work.

COLUMBIAN ROAD.

At the November meeting the town appropriated one thousand dollars for much-needed improvements on the highway in the vicinity of the Columbian Mills property. This money was expended under the supervision of A. H. Shepard. The appropriation could have been expended more economically at a different season of the year. But the fact that so many of our laboring men were idle, with no visible means of support, and winter coming on, induced us to commence the work when we did. We consider it the most marked improvement, both in looks and accommodation, for the money expended, made by the town for years. A little over five hundred dollars will be required to complete the work as contemplated. When finished it will be a substantial improvement and add materially to the beauty of the town. We recommend an additional appropriation sufficient for this purpose.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RECORD.

In 1885 the town appropriated seventy-five dollars for the preparing of a record of the soldiers and sailors who served in behalf of this town during the late rebellion. Trusting in the ability of George W. Corey, the Selectmen appointed him to do the work. The record is just completed, giving the names of those who enlisted, the date of enlistment, the name of the company and regiment, the rank held, the bounty received, promotions made, when wounded and the nature of the wound, the names of those killed and when, also of those that died and when, with the names and dates of those discharged and for what reason. The record is neatly and handsomely compiled, and very creditable to Mr. Corey. It includes the names of two hundred and seventy patriots, who left home to risk their lives in the interest of a free country. A grateful town will cherish their memory, and their example will serve in future generations to quicken patriotism and inspire devotion to duty when the country calls.

MARBLE BROOK.

The vote of the town has been complied with by straightening the channel of the Marble brook and changing its course. In connection with this we were obliged to rebuild one of the abutments of the bridge, and put some new timbers into it. Inspecting the channel this spring we found that quite a quantity of gravel had been washed down, from some source unknown, obstructing the free course of the water and causing it to overflow. This can be easily remedied when the water is low, after which there will probably be no further trouble.

DRESSER STREET HILL.

The town voted at the meeting last November to appropriate one thousand dollars for the improvement of Dresser street hill. It was also voted, on motion of A. B. Goodier, that the work should be commenced at once, and that only voters should be employed. The Selectmen decided that as Mr. Shepard had all that he could do in other places they would employ George A. Dresser to superintend this work. The work was performed as economically as was possible under existing circumstances. Cold weather and short days are unfavorable for this kind of work. As near as we can estimate a little over five hundred cubic yards of rock were removed. Computing this at two dollars per yard makes one thousand dollars. This we claim is a fair estimate of the expenditure.

It has been reported that Mr. Dresser was handicapped by us in being obliged to employ men unable to earn a day's pay, and that we compelled him to retain men that he had discharged. All of which we positively deny. Mr. Dresser never complained to the Selectmen that the men were unable to earn their pay, nor did any of the men that had been discharged come to us for reinstatement. All of the men that applied to us were sent to Mr. Dresser. So far as we know he was perfectly sat-

ished with the help, and in our opinion he had every reason to be.

Numerous other criticisms, in regard to the course we pursued in expending this appropriation, have been brought to our notice. We expect that the public will criticise all of our official actions. Public servants ought to expect criticism. But we have a right to ask fair and unprejudiced criticism. Nothing ought to be called a swindle till it has been thoroughly investigated. People are too apt to charge trickery and maladministration, and look with disdain on public improvements. It is undeniably true that at times deceptive schemes are sprung upon the people. Especially has this been the case in some of our large cities. But there is nothing connected with this improvement but what any citizen can fathom with very little effort. It pays to do work well if at all, and we have endeavored to be thorough in what we have done. If our course is a swindling or needless expenditure of the town's funds, then we are perfectly willing to assume the responsibility. It is indispensable to the growth and prosperity of our town that this contemplated improvement be carried out, and the grade fixed for all time. Had it been done when it should have been, a better grade could have been obtained at much less expense. If you wait a while longer, expensive buildings will be erected, and then there will be heavy damages to pay.

In this Dresser street enterprise the town has started one of the most important improvements ever undertaken. Southbridge is yet in its infancy, and its destiny is steady growth. This section is by far the most desirable as well as the most beautiful and picturesque within the limits of the town. Time is sure to demand that this territory be utilized. Dresser street should be continued west to its proposed connection with Sayles street. Chapin street is asking for location southward. Marcy, Orchard, Sayles and High street extensions are sure to follow. And those of us who live ten years will, we believe, see a street located south of Dresser street, running parallel with it, from Chapin street to High.

Perhaps we are too enthusiastic, but we think that no distant day will see a railroad connecting our town with the Boston & Albany road, either at Palmer or Brookfield. When this is constructed all that will be required to increase the town's population two-fold will be a determined effort on the part of its citizens. Let us talk railroad more and swindle less, and the town will be the gainer. We submit a correct survey made by A. C. Moore. (See cut on next page.) The continuous line represents the present grades; and the broken line a true grade the entire length of the hill, showing the intended cut of from two to twelve feet, which necessitates the removal of about two thousand cubic yards of rock. The expense, competent judges inform us, cannot be less than two dollars per cubic yard. It must be apparent therefore that one thousand dollars would be inadequate. Deducting five hundred yards that was removed last fall, from a point on the western extremity to a point marked 12 on the map, and we have about fifteen hundred cubic yards yet to be removed in order to establish a true grade, and make a perfect street. The only question for the town to decide is whether it will cut the hill to a true grade, or whether it will merely remove the top sufficient to make the street passible. It can do either and not be affected by anything that has been done. We are of the opinion, however, that the true grade line is the one that should be established. It is neither policy nor economy to half do any work whether it pertains to private or public welfare. A cut to the true grade line will be expensive, but eventually it will prove to be one of the best investments known to the citizens of this town. It will probably require an additional appropriation of from two to three thousand dollars, as we purchased last fall tools sufficient to complete the work, and as the hill is now in shape to begin excavating without delay for preparations, it will be economy to continue operations this season. Much has been said about filling at the bottom of the hill, adjacent to the property of Geo. W. Wells and so reducing the amount of the cost. If some amicable arrangement could be made with him whereby

GRADE PLAN IN THE LEDGE ON DRESSER ST.

A.O. MOORE C.E., DPL



DRESSER ST.



PROFILE ON CENTER LINE.

this could be accomplished, without creating very great damages, it certainly would be advisable, being less expensive and giving a better grade. But in case this arrangement could not be made, and it would cost the town for damages nearly as much as it will to cut the hill, it would be the height of folly to contend with one of our enterprising citizens who has expended so much time and money to beautify this section.

It may appear to the voters that we have given too much space to this improvement, but it seems to us that its importance justifies us in referring to it at considerable length.

A. H. WHEELER,
WM. D. MORSE,
JOHN RYAN,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee.

OFFICE OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
Southbridge, March 17, 1887.

The Chairman and Superintendent presented the annual reports for the school year ending February 28, 1887.

Voted to accept the reports and adopt them as the reports of the Committee.

J. T. CLARKE, Secretary.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND TEACHERS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1886-7.

J. J. OAKES, Chairman,	-	-	Term expires 1887.
E. M. PHILLIPS,	-	-	Term expires 1887.
SILVANUS HAYWARD,	-	-	Term expires 1888.
CHARLES HAGGERTY,	-	-	Term expires 1888.
CHARLES HYDE,	-	-	Term expires 1889.
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,	-	-	Term expires 1889.

J. T. CLARKE, Secretary and Superintendent of Schools.

Office, P. O. building. Office hours: school days, 4 to 5 P. M.;
7 to 7.30 P. M. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

NAMES OF TEACHERS, MARCH, 1887.

High School: F. E. Corbin, Principal; Anita C. Teele, Assistant.

Grammar School: Lizzie A. Potter, Mary E. Remington, Fannie J. Gushee, Mary E. Newell.

Intermediate: Mary E. Clemence, Alice Holmes, Idella M. Brewster.

Primary: Mary A. Pellett, Etta A. Chamberlain, A. Rebecca Rowley, Mrs. S. M. Knight, Annie F. Morse, Addie M. Martin, Mary A. Ellis, Agnes M. Meagher.

Ungraded: Martha Cutting, Mary L. Edwards, Carrie E. Haskell, Valetta M. Paine, Ida M. Plimpton, Alice B. Booth.

Special Teacher of Drawing, Jennie E. Chamberlain.

REPORT.

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

With no startling changes or revolutionary methods, which are always undesirable, we have to report a fair degree of progress in our schools. The weak point in the schools of the present time, not only in Southbridge, but elsewhere, is the lack of thorough discipline. Discipline is the foundation of success in every department of thought or activity; without it, no true education can be secured. Our higher grades, including the High School, have been especially unfortunate this year on account of the frequent changes in teachers. We hope there is prospect of greater permanence in the future.

“Supplementary Reading” which has been gradually gaining ground for the past three years, is one of the most advantageous results of the system of free text books. Its beneficial effects are plainly visible.

Last August we engaged the services of Mr. John T. Clarke, as Superintendent of Schools. His long and successful experience in the same work elsewhere gives promise of like success here. In the primary grades to which he has given special attention, there is already manifest a decided improvement.

Notice is called to the fact that all schools, except the High School, have been lengthened one week this year, which has increased the expense about \$200 over last year; also, that the proposed introduction of music as a study in all our schools the ensuing year will require a larger appropriation to meet the additional expense.

Again, we urge upon your attention, the immediate necessity of a school house centrally located, with the best modern improvements, and of sufficient capacity to accommodate our High and Grammar Schools. We trust that at the annual meeting

some positive action will be taken towards the consummation of this much needed improvement.

The following statement shows the expenditures of the present year, and the recommendations for the ensuing will be found in the Auditor's usual list. For a more minute description of the condition and needs of the schools, we refer you to the Superintendent's report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

APPROPRIATIONS, ETC.

High School,

Balance from last year,	-	\$472 73	
Appropriation,	-	1,700 00	
		<u> </u>	\$2,172 73

Common School,

Balance from last year,	-	1,733 70	
Appropriation,	-	9,500 00	
Cash, order overdrawn,	-	4 80	
Transferred balance of state fund,	-	116 26	
		<u> </u>	11,354 76

Contingent Account,

Balance,	-	266 39	
Appropriations,	-	1,200 00	
From books sold,	-	47 83	
For damages, -	-	1 45	
		<u> </u>	1,515 67

Apparatus Account,

Balance from last year,	-	\$39 85	
From State fund,	-	19 40	
From unappropriated funds,		50 00	
		<u> </u>	109 25
Received from State School fund,			91 18

Total resources,	-	-	-	\$15,243 59
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The Committee have expended :

High School,

Salaries of teachers,	-	\$1,595	50
Fuel and care of building,		100	81
Incidental expenses,	-	24	50
		<u> </u>	\$1,720 81

Common Schools,

Salaries of Teachers and Super-			
intendent,	-	8,693	17
Care of buildings,	-	284	24
Fuel,	-	303	38
		<u> </u>	9,280 79

Contingent Account,

For books,	-	646	97
For supplies,	-	417	83
Repairs,	-	217	00
Cleaning buildings,	-	52	00
Truancy,	-	35	00
Incidental expenses,	-	278	88
		<u> </u>	2,031 54

Apparatus Account,

For apparatus,	-	129	93
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Total expenditures, - - \$13,163 07

Balance, - - - - \$2,080 52

Order No. 53, Common School account not presented, 1 12

Balance in hands of Treasurer, - - \$2,081 64

Books and supplies on hand March 1, 1887, 358 25

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. OAKES,
CHARLES HAGGERTY,
SILVANUS HAYWARD,
E. M. PHILLIPS,
CHARLES HYDE,
A. J. BARTHOLOMEW,

School Committee.

March, 1887.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Southbridge:

GENTLEMEN : In accordance with your rules, I herewith respectfully submit to you, and through you to the citizens of the town, my first Annual Report ; the same being the second of the series of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Population of the town, State census, 1885,	-	6,500
Valuation of the town for 1886,	- - \$3,085,543	75
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age,		1,419
Number enrolled in public schools during the year,		888
Number under 5 years of age, - - -		9
Number over 15, - - -		62
Number between 8 and 14, - - -		523
Average number belonging, - - -		694.33
Average daily attendance, - - -		618.94
Percent of attendance, - - -		89.14

COST PER SCHOLAR.

Current expenses, including teaching, fund and care of buildings, - - -	\$10,977	10
Cost per scholar, based on total enrollment, -	12	36
Cost per scholar, based on average number belonging,	15	81
Total expenditures, - - -	13,163	07
Cost per scholar, based on whole number, -	14	82
Cost per scholar, based on average number belonging,	18	95

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	Whole No. regis-tered during year.	Average number belonging.	Average attend-ance.	Percent of attend-ance.	Average tardiness of each pupil.	Number of weeks of school.
High School, - - -	61	51.05	47.79	93 6	4.77	40
Higher Grammar—Main street.	38	34.09	31.81	93.3	7.63	38
School street.	26	21.24	20 38	96.67	2	38
Lower Grammar—Main street.	44	38 18	35 68	96	2.04	38
School street.	43	34 63	32.15	91.2	3	38
Intermediate—Main street, -	55	46 7	41.43	89.9	3 38	38
Union street, -	43	36.34	32.33	86.2	2.89	38
River street, -	36	31.02	28.17	90.82	5.14	38
Higher Primary—Elm street, -	36	29	25	86 2	2 14	36
School street.	33	29.95	27.34	91.3	7.76	36
River street, -	43	42 67	37.63	88.2	5 2	36
Lower Primary—Elm street.	52	30	24	80	7.3	36
Main street, -	54	41.42	36.39	87.8	4.83	36
School street.	60	42.1	36.84	87.5	6.15	36
Grade I—River street, -	46	38 06	32.78	86.12	3.1	36
Grade II—River street, -	40	39.53	24 26	82.15	5.12	36
Mixed Primary—Sumner, -	28	17.28	13.51	78	4.2	36
Carpenter, -	59	33.8	30.95	91 6	1 78	36
Ammidown, -	39	31.3	28.33	90 5	.25	36
Ungraded—Bacon, - - -	15	12	10 3	85 81	6.4	36
Hooker, - - -	21	11.55	10.1	87.5	4.24	35
Dennison, -	16	12.42	10.77	86.7	4 94	36
Total, - - - -	888	694.33	618.94	89.14	4.3	809
Total average, - - -	40.36	31 56	28.13	89.14	4.3	36.77

The following pupils are reported as perfect in attendance, having been neither absent nor tardy during the year :

Louisa M. Chapin,
Mabel E. Morse,
Blanche E. Harwood,
Adeline Mountain,

Charles A. Simpson,
Cheney J. Wells,
Albert B. Wells,
Leon C. Harwood.

The enrollment in May of the school population gave 1419 against 1358 the previous year. In the public schools there have been enrolled 817 pupils of school age. Through the courtesy of the Lady Superior of the Parochial school, the following report of attendance is given: Total enrollment for the year 680; average number belonging 590; average attendance 548. Allowing the same percentage under five and over fifteen as in the public schools, there have been enrolled in all the schools 1343 pupils of school age, or 76 less than the May enrollment. There are some pupils who have divided their attendance between the public and Parochial schools, and are enrolled in both. How large this number is, I am not able to state, but whatever the number is it reduces by so many the whole number of different pupils who have actually attended school during the year. Judging from the number of children to be seen at all times on the street, it is evident that many of school age attend school very little or not at all. If questioned, they claim to attend school, and assign a reason for being out at that time. It will be necessary to devise some plan by which this class of children can be reached and made to comply with the law. The authorities of the Parochial school will, no doubt, co-operate in any measure having for its object the welfare of these children.

ATTENDANCE.

The irregularity in attendance and lack of punctuality in our schools is one of the greatest hindrances to the accomplishment of the best results. It seems a small matter that a child is a few moments late; that he is dismissed before the end of the session, or that he is absent an occasional half day, but in reality he is forming habits that will effect his whole life. Children should understand that attendance at school is their business, which is not to be neglected without good reasons, and that acquiring the habit of prompt and regular attention to business is an essential element of their education. The average attendance the past year compares favorably with that of previous

years, and is not lower than that in many other towns in the Commonwealth: still there is room for much improvement in this respect. The injury to a class resulting from the absence of individual pupils, cannot be based on the loss of time to those pupils: it is a disturbance to the whole class, retarding the general progress. There is reported, in all the schools, during the year 3,826 cases of tardiness, averaging 4.3 to each pupil. There are necessarily more or less cases of unavoidable absence and tardiness, but it is probable that not one-half of the showing of the registers would come under this class. Other things being equal, a high rate of attendance is indicative of a good school. Much can be done by the teachers in securing a good attendance, by making the school room a pleasant and attractive place, and by showing a personal interest in the pupils, making them understand that every case of absence receives prompt attention, exciting immediate notice and inquiry; still the utmost vigilance on the part of teachers in this direction will fail to remedy the evil without the co-operation of parents.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

There can be but one opinion in regard to the school houses of Southbridge. They are not creditable to the town. In a place so attractive, enterprising and progressive in other directions, with so many substantial business houses and fine private residences, one is disappointed not to find the public buildings bearing a more favorable comparison. In our New England towns no public interest has ever had a warmer place in the hearts of the people than the public schools, and there is no object for the support of which the citizens provide more cheerfully and liberally. It is unfortunate that, at an earlier time when there was more opportunity for choice, the importance of securing large and suitable lots for the village school houses was not urged upon the citizens with a force to command attention. The Main street building is the best of the village houses, but this lacks many important features of a commodious, well equipped school house. The cloak rooms are too small; it is not

properly heated and ventilated, and the sanitary conditions cannot fail to be a source of anxiety to all thoughtful parents. The closets connected as they are with the school rooms, would hardly be safe if running water were supplied. The play ground is too limited for the number of pupils gathered in this building. The larger boys to play any games, are forced into the streets where they are regarded as intruders, disturbing the immediate neighborhood, and those passing by; and it does not improve a boy's temper to feel that he has no place, that he is in everybody's way.

The School street and River street buildings are open to the same criticism as the Main street house. The closets are on the same plan, and require much care and no little expense in cleansing and disinfecting to keep them from being very offensive. The grounds of these buildings possess not one attractive feature.

It is reasonable to suppose that comparatively few of our citizens ever visits the High School and are familiar with the conditions under which the work is here conducted. The accommodations for this department are insufficient, and in no respect, convenient. Under the present conditions the work is done under great disadvantages. The 54 desks in the main room now occupy all the available space for desks. The present number of pupils is 48, 42 of whom are in the lower classes. The entering class will probably number over 20; and unless an unusual number drop out from the school at the close of this term, there will be, next term, more pupils than desks. The recitation room is small and inconvenient for the larger classes; the apparatus room is distant and in every respect unsuitable. There are no means of ventilating the rooms except by windows. The heating is by stoves, the most unsatisfactory means of heating school rooms.

The school house with its surroundings is an element in education of too great importance to be lightly regarded. It may have a refining, elevating influence, commanding respect and instilling a regard for public property; or it may have the opposite

tendency. In the interests of morality and purity, every safeguard should be thrown around the children in their associations at school. Profanity and vulgarity are forbidden, but unfortunately it is not easy to prohibit these vices, wholly. Parents have a right to demand all the protection that can be given against the contamination of those disposed to evil. In this view another serious defect of our school premises is the lack of separate play grounds, having out-houses with separate approach and apartment for each sex. With the present arrangement of most of the buildings, I am aware that it would not be easy to make this improvement; yet it is a matter that demands serious attention.

The question of providing the village schools with suitable accommodations, cannot be long deferred. One large building, somewhat centrally located, and of sufficient capacity to accommodate all the pupils of the higher grades, would unquestionably be the most economical, if not in all respects the most satisfactory. The cost of such a building need not naturally increase the yearly rate of taxation. Its benefits would be for the future as well as for the present, and the future should share the burden.

The buildings in the outlying districts, need some changes and repairs. The roof of the Ammidown house is in bad condition and must be resingled. Other than this, there is nothing requiring any considerable expense. Something should be done each year in the direction of improvement until all the houses and grounds are in proper condition. Such matters as pertain to the health and physical comfort of the pupils should receive early attention.

In several of the class rooms the furniture has at some time been subjected to great abuse, the desks defaced and mutilated. Some of the rooms are still furnished with double desks which have evidently been long in service. In the Main street higher grammar rooms, many of the desks are not only in very bad condition, but a part of them are not of proper size for pupils of that grade. In the School street lower grammar the

desks are in nearly as bad condition. This is a large school, and could be better and more easily controlled if furnished with single desks. I would recommend that provision be made this year for refurnishing both or one of these rooms. During the next long vacation, the defaced desks, which are not beyond repair, should be put in good condition and newly dressed ; and each year one or two rooms should be newly furnished until all the old double desks are removed.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The revised course of study which you have adopted and ordered to be embraced in this report, is believed to be well adapted to the present condition of the schools. The limits designated will show the teachers the amount of work expected in each grade, and will curb the tendency to advance too rapidly, and so lead to more thorough work. A course of ten years does not necessarily mean that all pupils are required to spend this number of years in the lower schools. Several of those who enter the High School this year have gained one or more years by special promotion. In the revision the purpose has been to make the course as practical as possible, omitting entirely or passing lightly over non-essentials, and emphasizing only the most useful and practical. More reading matter, suited to the capacity of the several grades, is provided for, to avoid the necessity of taking the higher numbers of the regular series at a step when they are entirely beyond the comprehension of the children.

United States history, first as supplementary reading, is taken at an earlier stage, and completed earlier in the course, giving place to English history in the tenth grade. In the High school the English language is given a most prominent place ; a more extended course in American and English literature is provided for, to give the students a better knowledge of authors and books ; arithmetic is given a place in senior year, extending through the fall and winter terms, with the purpose of giving a thorough drill in the business principles, when the students are

of an age and capacity to deal with the subject in its most practical bearings. Provision is made for pupils of lower classes who are not able to remain in the school for graduation to avail themselves at an earlier stage in the course of the benefits of this instruction. It is important that the High school be a "high" school in fact as well as in name, and that the standard of scholarship for graduation should not be lowered. The law requires a place for certain studies, and these are duly provided for in the several courses. While pupils who can and wish to graduate are required to pursue one of the regular courses laid down, the largest opportunity should be given to any who may wish to enter the school as special students. If there is any one in the town who cannot take a regular course, but who wishes to pursue any one study, he should be encouraged to pursue it in the High School. It would be impossible, without additional teaching force, to form special classes for these pupils, and they would necessarily have to pursue the studies as they came in the regular course. It is important that the teachers of every grade be familiar with the general scope of the whole course of study, that a clear understanding may be had of the relation of one part to the whole ; especially is it important that each teacher be familiar with the requirements of the grades below.

THE SCHOOL WORK.

There are certain matters pertaining to the routine work of the schools that call for immediate attention.

The very poor Penmanship of a majority of the pupils in the Grammar Schools indicates a serious defect somewhere. If this results, in any measure, from the much written work required, then the remedy is for the teacher to be more strict in regard to these exercises, declining to receive work not written with satisfactory neatness and care. If the fault arises from a lack of time or attention given to the subject, then the remedy is clear.

In Arithmetic, there is a lack of thoroughness in the funda-

mental operations, a disposition to advance too rapidly over the elementary work, and too little stress laid upon mental exercises.

In Reading too much attention is given to the mere mechanical process ; it is " too much a matter of words, and not of ideas and of thought." In the High school, with some exceptions, there is a lack of distinctness in utterance, of clearness in articulation, a lack of appreciation of some of the simple principles of good reading. A thorough drill in vocal training, at some stage of the High School course, would be of great advantage, and no doubt would be appreciated.

Nothing is more unfortunate for a pupil than to be in a class the work of which he cannot, by his best efforts, do well. It leads to discouragement and to bad habits of mind and study. As soon as the status of such a pupil is known, in justice to himself and to his class he should be placed where he can do the work. During the past term the progress of some classes was impeded by pupils not up to grade, and who seemed to manifest no interest in recovering lost ground. Pupils who for any reason, whether irregularity of attendance, lack of mental quickness, lack of interest or application, fail to do the required work of their grade, receiving no benefit themselves and being a drag upon their classes, should be removed to a lower grade ; this after reasonable effort has been made to bring them into line of work. To these matters I propose to give careful attention.

During the six months of service which I have given to your schools, my time, in school hours, has been spent almost exclusively in the school rooms, studying the condition and needs of the schools, making such suggestions and instituting such measures of improvement as seemed to require my first attention. I have studiously avoided any overturnings that would produce confusion, knowing that the processes of improvement are necessarily slow, and secured only by persistent effort, intelligently and steadily applied. I find the teachers, earnest and faithful, much to commend, and generally pleasant and cor-

dial relations between teachers and pupils. There is uniformly manifested a desire to learn of better methods, and generally a readiness in grasping and putting into practice all suggestions.

While it is a pleasure to me to note the good features of the schools, as they show advancement towards that higher plane to which your efforts have been directed, my attention has been more especially given, as you have expected of me, to such an acquaintance with everything pertaining to the schools as would enable me intelligently to advance their best interests.

There is room for improvement in all departments of our work, for an advance all along the line. No school or school system approaches very near the ideal. The work is before us, demanding on the part of all in any way connected with the management of our schools, the wisdom to hold fast that which is good, and the best efforts and an earnest purpose to carry them to a much higher degree of efficiency.

In closing, I wish to express my acknowledgements of generous support and uniform courtesy, and through you to thank teachers and all others who have aided my efforts by hearty cooperation and words of encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. CLARKE,

Superintendent of Schools.

COURSE OF STUDY.

In the following Course of Study, an outline is given of the amount and kind of work to be done in each grade, with suggestions to aid the teachers in preparing definite plans for instruction and study. The limits indicated, though not intended to be arbitrary, are what ordinary classes in charge of teachers of average ability and skill, will easily reach.

Teaching is the process of arousing and directing the mental activities in such a way as will lead to the acquirement of

knowledge and mental culture. To train pupils to observe, to think, and to express, should be the constant effort of the teacher. The child's interest in common things should be encouraged and stimulated by questions and simple talks about the numberless objects in street, highway, field and sky.

More minute directions and suggestions will be given in the class-rooms and at teachers' meetings, when comparisons of methods and results will be made. In the appendix will be found some general suggestions applying to the work in all grades, and which should be consulted in connection with each years' work.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

FIRST YEAR.

Reading. From blackboard, chart, and one-half of First Readers, words at sight and in easy combinations, phases and sentences, other than object words by association and repetition. Carefully distinguish between reading and mere naming words. Teach children to look sentences through, then to read right off as if talking, thus securing an easy, natural expression.

Position and holding the book.

Language. Cultivate power of expression. Lead pupils to tell what they know in correct language, to talk accurately and naturally about objects and what they see in pictures and reading lessons. Use and require complete sentences in asking and answering questions. Capitals, periods, question and exclamation marks.

Number. Develop idea of number, combinations (parts) from 1 to 10, using objects and numeral frame; coins, one to ten cents.

Writing. Copy in script, on ruled slates, words and sentences. In the order indicated, practice the short, small letters, i. u. w. m. n. x. v., followed by progressive teaching of capitals. Secure legibility as soon as possible.

Drawing. Slate and blackboard, lines, divisions, positions and combinations into plain figures. Drawing cards—first series.

Miscellaneous. Parts of body ; common colors ; form, sphere and cube ; simple qualities ; physical exercises ; memory gems ; singing.

SECOND YEAR.

Reading. Finish First Readers ; Advanced First Readers and easy supplementary for sight reading. Insist upon clear and distinct utterance. Bring out the thought.

Language. Continue work of first grade ; statements and stories in connection with observation and reading lessons ; description of objects, actions and pictures ; spelling by sound and by letters, words from reading lessons and from language of school room.

Number. All combinations to 20 ; original problems with objects ; building tables through 5 ; simple written examples in addition and subtraction on blackboard and slate ; Roman numerals to X ; coins ; inch, foot ; pint, quart, gallon ; pound, ounce.

Writing. On ruled slates or paper, copies of words and sentences ; days of week ; names of months ; name and address with punctuation ; attention to position and holding pencil. Review and continue practice on small letters, o, e, c, t, h, k, l, b.

Drawing. Extend previous work ; cards, first series ; designs with splints and colored paper.

Miscellaneous. Review and extend work of first grade ; form and surface, edge, angle, triangle, prism, cone ; qualities ; plants—leaf, stem, flower, root.

THIRD YEAR.

Reading. Second Readers and supplementary reading. Attention to meaning of words. Articulation and emphasis.

Number. Review and extend combinations to 50; writing and reading numbers to 1,000; mental examples; have pupils make up examples; slate and blackboard work; Roman numeral to L; rapid and accurate adding of columns of figures, subtraction, original problems in common transactions and making change. Halves, thirds, fourths and fifths by objects; dozen, score, quire; coins; length, surface, solid.

Language. Extend previous work; simple plurals, hyphens, contractions.

Spelling. Words from lessons; keep list of mis-spelled words for frequent reference; written more than oral.

Writing. On spaced paper copies from blackboard; a, d, A, N, M, T, F; copy book, pencil series B.

Drawing. Cards, second series.

Geography. Oral lessons, position, direction; points of compass; division of land and water; projections of land and water; climate; productions; plans of school-room and yard.

Oral Lessons. Colors, primary and secondary; qualities; trades and occupations; forms, circle, ellipse, oval, quadrilaterals; plants, growth from seed to fruit; common birds and fowls, parts and habits observed and compared. Review and extend body lessons.

FOURTH YEAR.

Reading. Advanced Second Readers; easy sight reading. Nature series, cats and dogs.

Arithmetic. Secure readiness in four simple rules—long division with two figures in divisor; problems involving combinations of signs; mental exercises involving weights and measures; rapid additions and combinations; tables through 10; notation and numeration to 10,000; Roman notation to C.; simple oral concrete illustrations of fractions.

Language. Written exercises daily; combine sentences making little compositions; describe objects, actions, pictures;

stories from pictures and from reading. Preserve some exercises ; letter writing ; simple punctuation.

Geography. Primary text-book, 61 pages ; use globe and maps. Draw maps of Southbridge and of Massachusetts, adding oral instruction in reference to Worcester County and Southbridge.

Spelling. Continue work of grade III, and selected words from Part I. First steps.

Writing. Spaced paper, g, z, j, y, q, H, K, P, B, R, S, L, p, f, r, s, G, I, J. Copy book C.

Drawing. Cards, second series.

Miscellaneous. Bones of the body ; color and form, review previous work ; plants, parts of plant, leaf, flower.

INTERMEDIATE.

FIFTH YEAR.

Reading. Third readers ; supplementary reading ; Nature series, Part I and Feathers and Fur.

Arithmetic. Elementary to Page 78, with much practical work outside of book ; drill in mental exercises, abstract and concrete ; addition of ledger columns ; notation and numeration to 1,000,000 ; Roman notation to D. ; encourage original work in bills ; elementary work in fractions, mostly oral.

Language. Teach use of quotation marks, apostrophe, comma after yes and no ; statements and compositions from observation, reading and information lessons ; dictation ; letter writing.

Geography. Complete primary text book ; outline map of New England States.

Spelling. Part II. First steps, book in hands of pupils.

Drawing. Under direction of special teacher, Books 1 and 2, Revised Ed.

Penmanship. Primary course, Nos. 3 and 5. Special drill in O, C, E, Q, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, D.

Oral Lessons. Form ; color, shades ; bones of body, muscles.

SIXTH YEAR.

Reading. Advanced Third Readers ; supplementary reading. Nature, Part II.

Arithmetic. Elementary ; special drill in common and decimal fractions, simple examples ; daily exercises in practical mental examples.

Language. Review and extend previous work ; comma after address, apposition and in series ; preserve in exercise books simple reproductions, dictations, compositions. Letter writing.

Geography. Large text-book to Page 48 ; essential facts only ; North America, United States with map drawing.

Drawing. Books 3, 4 and 5, Revised Ed.

Penmanship. Primary course, Nos. 6 and 7.

Spelling. Practical Speller, Part I.

Oral Lessons. Form ; color, tints and shades. Body, skin, joints.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

SEVENTH YEAR.

Reading. Fourth Readers and Supplementary reading. Primary History and Physiology.

Arithmetic. Written Arithmetic ; special work in Weights and Measures ; Compound Numbers, omitting Sections 284-288, and Compound Addition, Subtraction and Division.

Language. Dictation of various exercises to show uses of common punctuation ; letter writing ; business forms ; telegrams, compositions from schedule of topics ; paragraphing. Secure order and neatness in the work.

Geography. Review by topics and advance to Page 74.

Drawing. Books 5 and 6. Clark Edition.

Penmanship. Common School Course, Nos. 1 and 2.

Spelling. Part II.

EIGHTH YEAR.

Reading. Advanced Fourth Reader and Supplementary reading, Fables, Physiology.

Arithmetic. Percentage to exchange, omitting Sections 500, 596-608.

Language. Language Lessons to Section IV. Continue work of previous grade ; notes and invitations.

Geography. Complete text-book, including Special Geography of New England. Review by topics.

History. United States to period of Revolution.

Penmanship. Nos. 3 and 4.

Drawing. Books. Nos. 7 and 8, Clark Ed.

Spelling. Part III to Page 154.

NINTH GRADE.

Reading. Fourth and Fifth Readers, with suitable Supplementary reading.

Arithmetic. Completed.

Language. Complete Language Lessons; Dictations, reproductions, abstracts and compositions.

History. To present time,—Review by topics.

Geography. First term, general review by topics. Final examination.

Penmanship. Copy books, Nos. 5 and 6.

Spelling. Complete text book.

Drawing. Books, 7 and 8; Clark editions.

TENTH GRADE.

Reading. Fifth Readers and Supplementary reading.

Arithmetic. General review by topics.

Languages. Grammar, with much practice in composition.

History. History of England.

Drawing. Books, 9 and 10, Clarke editions.

Penmanship. Business Forms.

Spelling. Selected words.

HIGH SCHOOL.

A written examination will be required of pupils desiring admission to the High school, and each one admitted will select which Course of Study he desires to pursue. Optional studies can be chosen with consultation with the Principal, subject to the necessities of the school organization.

No change from one course, or from one optional study to another, or taking of irregular or mixed courses can be permitted except on written request of parent or guardian, approved by the Principal and Superintendent. Diplomas will be awarded only to those who have completed one of the regular courses.

Three studies, besides general exercises, are required of every member of the school unless excused for ill health, on the certificate of a physician. No pupil will be permitted to take four studies, except when necessary to make up a condition. As a general rule optional classes will not be formed for less than three pupils.

A record will be kept of each pupil's standing as determined by recitation and by examination. Each perfect recitation will be reckoned ten—entire failures and unexcused absences, each zero, in making up the average standing. An average of sixty percent will be required for advancement in each study.

There will be general exercises for all courses, in Reading, Spelling, Composition, Declamation and Drawing. At least one Composition and one Recitation is to be required of each pupil in every month. Besides these general exercises, essay

writing should be emphasized and multiplied in connection with all other studies that admit.

In the General course and the English course, one lesson each week, during the first year shall be devoted to American Authors.

Pupils who are obliged to leave school before completing either course, can take Arithmetic with the Senior class.

ENGLISH COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

Algebra, General History, English Language and Analysis.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

Algebra, General History, Physical Geography.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Algebra, General History, Rhetoric and English Composition.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

Algebra, Botany, Rhetoric and English Composition.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

Geometry, Civil Government, Rhetoric and English Composition.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Geometry, Physics, American Literature.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

French or German, Physics, English Literature.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

French or German, Book-keeping or Surveying, English Literature.

Third term. 11 Weeks.

French or German, Chemistry, English Literature.

FOURTH YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

French or German, Chemistry, English Literature.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

French or German, Arithmetic, English Literature.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

French or German, Arithmetic, English Literature.

NOTE.—An advanced course in the study of the English Language, with constant essay writing—not less than 10 or 15 pages of letter size per week — with Logic for the last term of the course, may be substituted for French or German.

GENERAL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks,

Algebra, Latin Lessons, General History.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

Algebra, Latin Lessons, General History.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Algebra, Latin Lessons, Rhetoric.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

Algebra, Cæsar, Botany.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

Geometry, Cæsar, Physical Geography.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Geometry, Cæsar, Physics.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

English Literature, Latin or French or German, Physics.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

English Literature, Latin, French or German, Civil Government.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Chemistry, Latin or French or German, Civil Government or Book-keeping or Surveying.

FOURTH YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

Chemistry, Latin or French or German, Mental Science.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

Arithmetic, Latin or French or German, Geology.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Arithmetic, Latin or French or German, Astronomy.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

Latin Lessons, Algebra, General History.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

Latin Lessons, Algebra, General History.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Latin Lessons, Algebra, General History.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

Cæsar, Greek Lessons, Algebra.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

Cæsar, Greek Lessons, Geometry.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Cæsar, Greek Lessons, Geometry.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

Virgil, Anabasis, Latin and Greek Composition.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

Virgil, Anabasis, Rhetoric and English Composition.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Virgil, Anabasis, Rhetoric and English Composition.

FOURTH YEAR.

First Term, 13 Weeks.

Cicero, Iliad, Greek and Roman History.

Second Term, 16 Weeks.

Cicero, Iliad, Greek and Roman History.

Third Term, 11 Weeks.

Ovid, Heroditus, Review of Mathematics.

APPENDIX.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

Reading. In reading, the thought should be in the mind before the words are uttered, then each sentence read as a whole, just as it should be spoken in conversation. In all grades, attention should be given to attitude, breathing, distinct enunciation, pronunciation, etc. In naming separate words, they should not be taken in the order of a sentence, and pupils should be taught to see whole phrases and speak them as wholes, as: In a hollow tree,—in the orchard,—lived five little squirrels. New and unfamiliar words in a lesson should be taught before the reading is attempted. In lessons to be studied, new and difficult words should be taught when the lesson is assigned. If the whole attention is directed to grasp the words, the pupil is not able to attend to the subject of thought. There should be constant effort to get the pupils to think of what they are reading, to enter into the thoughts and feelings of the author. If the thought is understood and the words with their meaning, recognized, the expression ought to be easy and natural. In the higher grades it is well to encourage the class to question the reader in regard to the meaning of the passage read, or any place name or event mentioned, the meaning and derivation of words; and attention should be given to emphasis, pitch, stress, inflection, pause, time,—to the principles of good reading.

Language. Cultivating the power of expressing ideas and thoughts, correctly and easily, both in speaking and writing, are

to be a daily exercise, systematic and progressive. To make the exercises in language pleasant, attractive and profitable to the pupils, constant care must be taken to furnish suitable occasions of thought before expression is required. Clear ideas must be in the possession of the pupil before correct expression can be given. Observation lessons, objects, pictures, actions, stories and every branch of study will furnish material for these exercises. Above the Primary grades, one exercise every two weeks should be copied into exercise books and preserved for inspection. With each, the date and character of the exercise,—whether composition, dictation, reproduction or abstract, should be indicated. Letter writing in its various forms, should receive early and careful attention.

Arithmetic. In the fundamental processes of Arithmetic, thoroughness is indispensable. Accuracy first, and then rapidity should be secured. In the first steps, objects are presented to the senses of the child to secure clear ideas of the numbers, and to suggest by proper handling, the desired mental results. Objects may be used in Primary work in combinations to 20, but are to be laid aside as soon as the proper mental process is secured. Principles are to be taught rather than rules, and each subject illustrated and made clear by simple problems, solved by the pupils, before it is assigned as a lesson from the text book. Mental exercises should be given separately, and also in connection with the written work. Mental Arithmetic aids in developing the powers of attention, memory and reasoning, cultivates the power of language by securing clearness of thought and expression, and greatly assists in the written work. The course in Arithmetic is given mainly by topics instead of pages, to intimate the study of subjects rather than of the book, merely.

Geography. An intelligent knowledge of Geography cannot be acquired by merely memorizing dry details and statistics. The facts relating to form, motions, surface, climate, distribution of animal and vegetable life, the manners, customs, occupations, governments and religions of men, to be remembered, must be made real and interesting by association. Map drawing is to be

used not as an *end*, but as a means of aiding to fix in the mind essential facts.

History. The Primary History is to be used as supplementary reading in the seventh grade, to familiarize pupils somewhat with the vocabulary of history before the subject is taken up as a special study. In the study of this subject, pupils should recite in their own language, and avoid mere memorizing. Lessons should be assigned by topics instead of pages in the text-book. Progressive maps to show progress of discoveries, the growth of the country, the location of important events, and pictures of places and men will interest and prove a valuable aid in teaching history. Create as far as possible, a taste for historical and biographical literature.

Spelling. As the practical use of correct spelling is found mainly when thoughts are expressed in writing, the exercises in spelling should be principally in writing. Mis-spelled words should be re-written correctly and frequently reviewed. The spelling lesson may often, with profit, consist of mis-spelled words of the language exercises and examination papers. In higher grades, it is well often to require sentences embracing the words of the lesson, definitions, synonymns and derivations. Once a week an oral review or recreation in spelling is valuable. Choosing sides and spelling down or calling to the other side, add interest. Pronunciation, definition or derivation matches, serve to create an interest and to encourage the study of words.

Penmanship Copies on blackboard, paper or slate should be in conformity to the system of penmanship in use. Neatness and precision should be insisted upon in all written work. To give ease and freedom of movement, frequent drills in ovals, slides, etc., are important. Insist upon correct pen and pencil holding at all times.

Physical Exercises, in some form, should be given near the middle of each half session, in all the elementary grades. To be of benefit, they should be brief and lively, performed with precision and uniformity. Teachers will devote some time reg-

ularly each week to instruction in temperance, morals and manners, as required by the Statutes of the Commonwealth.

Memory Gems. Once a month require pupils to commit to memory a choice selection of prose or poetry, brief, suited to the age and capacity, and worth remembering.

Miscellaneous. Observation lessons, having for their aim the cultivation of the powers of observation, and awakening an interest and love for objects in nature, should be given in primary and grammar grades, consisting of lessons on animals, minerals, plants, form, color, place, etc. In every lesson there should be some definite object in view, not an aimless, rambling talk on some subject. In primary grades, there should be prepared beforehand and varying each day a plan for each day's work embracing a variety of busy work, covering every period of each class when not engaged in recitation.

Examinations. Beginning with the seventh grade, written examinations are required each month. No examination must occupy more than one day. The papers are to be deposited in the office of the Superintendent and kept on file for at least one year. At the end of each term a re-examination will be required of every one who, in any study falls in rank below 60 on a scale of 100. In all grades, frequent examinations or tests are important to show what is retained and what requires additional attention, and to exercise pupils in correct, clear, and concise statements. Except in First Primary grade, no pupil will be transferred from one class to another without the express direction of the Superintendent. No person will be examined for promotion out of the regular course, unless his age or scholarship is above the average of his class.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN CLERK
AND
Warrant for Town Meeting.

REPORT.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY, WITH THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF POLICIES.

Amount.	Property Insured.	Expires.
\$ 600.	School house, Sumner District, -	Apr. 1, 1887
2,500.	Town house, - -	May 1, 1887
3,000.	Books, etc., library. - -	July 1, 1887
1,000.	Books, etc., library, - -	July 1, 1887
2,000.	School house, Union street, -	Nov. 1 1887
2,000.	School house, Pleasant street,	Jan. 1, 1888
2,500.	Library building, - -	Nov. 1, 1888
3,700.	School houses, School and Pleasant streets, - - -	Nov. 1, 1888
600.	School house, Hooker District,	Apr. 1, 1890
2,225.	Alms house, barn, shed, stock, etc.,	Dec. 1, 1890
4,450.	Alms house, barn, shed, stock, etc.,	Dec. 1, 1890
2,225.	Alms house, barn, shed, stock, etc.,	Dec. 14, 1890
600.	School house, Bacon District, -	June 1, 1891
1,600.	School house, Elm street, -	Sept. 6, 1891
2,200.	School house, Sandersdale, -	Dec. 1. 1891
2,000.	School house, Main street, -	Jan. 1, 1892
1,500.	Town hall, Elm street, - -	Feb. 1, 1892

\$34,700.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation April 5, 1886, - -	\$200 00
Amount overdrawn March 1, 1887, -	38 04
	<hr/> \$238 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid premium June 1, 1886, - -	\$8 40
Paid premium July 1, 1886, -	44 00
Paid premium Sept. 6, 1886, - -	36 00
Paid premium, Dec. 1, 1886, -	30 80
Paid premium, Jan. 1, 1887, - -	24 00
Paid premium Feb. 1, 1887, -	18 00
Amount overdrawn March 1, 1886, -	76 84
	<hr/> \$238 04

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE,
FROM JANUARY 1, 1886, to JANUARY 1, 1887.

Number of Marriages, - - - - 72.
French, 43 ; American, 17 ; Irish, 7 ; English, 3 ; Scotch, 1 ;
German, 1.

Number of births, - - - - 238.
French, 159 ; American, 45 ; Irish, 31 ; Scotch, 1 ; English, 1 ;
African, 1.

Number of Deaths, - - - - 156.
French, 75 ; American, 43 ; Irish, 34 ; English, 2 ; German, 2.

Of the number of deaths, 61 were under 5 years of age, 7 between 5 and 10, 6 between 10 and 20, 13 between 20 and 30, 8 between 30 and 40, 13 between 40 and 50, 7 between 50 and 60, 20 between 60 and 70, 14 between 70 and 80, and 7 between 80 and 90.

Number of dogs licensed, - - - 240.
Males, 214 ; females, 16.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR D. MORSE, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING,

APRIL 4, 1887.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in
the County of Worcester, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday, the fourth day of April next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, viz. : Clerk, Treasurer. Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, Library Committee, Cemetery Committee, Auditors of Accounts, one or more Highway Surveyors, and Constables. The polls will be kept open until three o'clock p. m.; unless otherwise determined by the meeting.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot " Yes " or " No " in answer to the question : Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ?

ART. 4. To hear the reports of the Auditors of Accounts,

Treasurer, Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fire Engineers, School Committee, Library Committee and Cemetery Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize the collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the town treasurer when appointed a collector may use, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid within a certain period, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as posted and presented by the Selectmen, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to pay the Engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the observance of Memorial Day, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the Water Supply Company for the use of hydrants and water for the drinking fountains for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on the east side of Foster street, from Main street to land owned by Central Mills Co., raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will repair the highway leading from the house of Ira F. Jacobs to George F. Sayles, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will instruct the school committee to employ a superintendent of schools for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 16 To see if the town will vote to complete the sidewalk on the south side of North street from Foster street to Mechanic street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the town will purchase lamp posts and lanterns to be placed as follows: One on Cliff street, six at New Village, one on High street, one on Chapin street, four on Chestnut street, three on Foster street, one on Edwards street, one at the corner of Glover and Sayles street extension, and one at the corner of Glover and High street extension, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will erect an additional building at the town farm, for the better protection of the inmates of the almshouse, and also to be used as a pest house if needed, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for a series of out-door concerts, to be given during the ensuing season, or act thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on the west side of Marcy street, from Hamilton street to land of Rev. G. E. Brochu, and from land of Michael Farrell to land of Dr. H. D. West, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to put in a covered drain and a paved gutter over the drain on the west side of Hook street, for the better drainage of Hamilton and Hook streets, or act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate

the sum of \$300 to put in curbing, a paved gutter and sidewalk on the east side of Hook street, from the junction of Hamilton street to the railroad crossing, or act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to transfer to unappropriated funds \$100.72 from West Dudley bridge, \$48 from lamp posts and lanterns, \$45.99 from Chapin street walk, \$35.60 from license fund; also to transfer from unappropriated funds \$93 50 to Marble brook, and \$4,195.31 to general appropriations, or act thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$363.65 for the abatement and settlement of the account of S. Thayer as tax collector, or act thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to elect a Board of Health.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers and laborers for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new road machine, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen, laying out a townway from Marcy street to Pine street, the report and plans which are filed with the town clerk, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to complete the retaining wall on Cliff street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 30. To see if the town will purchase on Main or Marcy street a lot of land for school purposes, erect thereon

a suitable building for the High and Grammar schools, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 31. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to grade Lens and Crystal streets, also to build a bridge across the canal on Lens street, or act thereon.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the repair of Crane street, or act thereon.

ART. 33. To see if the town will prosecute violations of the law relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, drunkenness and common drunkards, the ensuing year, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 34. To see if the town will build a sidewalk on the east side of Elm street, from Park street to the junction of Everett street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the purchase of land and erection of building thereon, to be used for storage of tools and town supplies, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to complete the contemplated improvements on the highway near the Columbian Village, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to repair Dresser street hill, cut and grade the same, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to allow poles to be placed upon its streets for wires for electric light purposes.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to light its streets with electric lights, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 40. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Selectmen, laying out a townway running westerly from Pleasant street to Plimpton street, in Globe Village, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to purchase marble tablets for the purpose of having inscribed the names of the deceased soldiers and sailors who served in behalf of this town during the rebellion, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the 'SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL and the *Southbridge Herald*, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting,—or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays,—before the day of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock a. m., and close at 3 o'clock p. m.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore mentioned.

Given under our hands, this twenty-second day of March, A. D. 1887.

A. H. WHEELER,
W. D. MORSE,
JOHN RYAN,
Selectmen of Southbridge.

A true copy. Attest :

P. M. CLARKE, Constable of Southbridge.

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